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Rabin focus of campaign

By LEORA FRUCHT

JERUSALEM —

If there's one word that's come up more than any other in the first stage of the Israeli election campaign, it's not security, peace, housing or jobs: it's Rabin.

The Labor party leader has become the focus of propaganda of both major parties, with Labor flaunting him at every opportunity and Likud doing its utmost to knock him down.

Look at the Labor party bumper stickers, and you'll be hard pressed to find the word "Labor," dwarfed as it is by the much more prominently displayed "Israel Awaits Rabin."

Call the Likud Party hotline and you'll hear a taped message from Yitzhak. Not Yitzhak Shamir, mind you, but Yitzhak Rabin. It's a recording of the Labor leader's recent public admission that he broke down for one day during the weeks preceding the Six Day War when he served as Chief of Staff — an announcement that left Likud campaign strategists delirious.

The reason for the mutual obsession with Rabin is clear. For several years — even before Rabin became Labor party leader — studies showed that he, more than any other politician, personifies the centre of the Israeli political spectrum where hawk meets dove. In other words, Rabin has the ability to win votes not only from traditional Labor supporters, but from Likud ones as well.

Rafi Avigdor of Jerusalem is one such voter. The Moroccan-born grocery store owner, once a classmate of Foreign Minister David Levy, is going to vote for Labor because of Rabin. "He's a strong leader, a military man," says Avigdor, a middle-aged veteran of four wars. He notes that he would probably vote Likud if Ariel Sharon were its leader. "But as long as Shamir is in charge, there's no dilemma for me," says Avigdor. "With all due respect to the prime minister, he's an old man; he doesn't have the energy to lead the country anymore."

Many others, among them, Tel Aviv taxi driver Shalom Cohen, concur. "Sharon is my first choice — but as long as he's not running for prime minister, I'll back Rabin," he says. "I want a strong leader who's proven himself on the battlefield."

Yet another indicator of Rabin's image emerged last week during demonstrations in Bat Yam, following the murder of a 15-year-old Jewish girl by a Gaza Arab. The angry protesters shouted: "Kahane," "Death to the Arabs," and "Rabin" — all in one breath.

The Labor leader's hawkish appeal is what the party is counting on to tip the balance in its favor in what is once again expected to be a very close contest.

In fact, Labor is so convinced that its fate hinges on Rabin that it has requested permission from the Central Elections Committee to use the name "Labor Under Rabin" rather than "Labor Party" on the ballot slips.

By obscuring the party name as much as possible, Labor hopes to escape a variety of party-related stigmas: an association with socialism, memories of past party corruption and an image of knee-buckling on security issues.

In the hope of tarnishing Rabin's strongman image, the Likud launched a scathing attack against the Labor leader, suggesting that he is mentally unstable — as evidenced by his 1967 breakdown — and alleging that he has a "drinking problem."

The campaign has been criticized within Likud headquarters by prominent ministers, including Shamir himself. Many argue that the personal attacks are neither dignified nor effective.

But the heads of the Likud campaign, Police Minister Ronni Milo and Industry and Trade Industry Minister Moshe Nissim, have vowed to continue this line of attack, arguing that it is legitimate to raise issues that cast doubt on Rabin's fitness for leadership.

Moreover, the Likud strategists are not about to shine the spotlight on their own leader, given Shamir's distinct lack of charisma. So while Labor uses Rabin to divert attention from its party, the Likud is using him to divert attention from its leader.

The impact of this Rabin-saturated campaign is difficult to gauge. Two public opinion polls, conducted at the beginning of last week, showed Labor leading the Likud by a margin of nine to 10 seats (43 - 33 in a Dahaf poll and 44 - 35 in a Teleseker one). But such polls have been notoriously unreliable in the last three elections, having forecast a Labor victory each time.

The charges levelled at Rabin are not about to sway Rafi Avigdor. "Bringing up what a man did 25 years ago is ridiculous," he says. "Anyway, whatever happened, he still won the war, didn't he?" says a smiling Avigdor, pointing to the day's newspapers, which are splashed with memorial photographs of the 1967 reunification of Jerusalem, a victorious Rabin standing at the Old City gates.

Shamir, left and Rabin enjoy a laugh together. (IPPA photo)

PREPARING FOR SHAVUOTH

Preparing for the arrival of Shavuoth June 7-8, Moroccan-born Yeshiva University student Daniel Benlolo reads from a 214-year-old, flower-adorned Iraqi Torah and Tik — an ornate casing of silver and semi-precious stones used by Sephardi Jews. The two-day festival marks the Jews' acceptance of the Torah from God at Mount Sinai.

School funding called a violation of rights

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The current Ontario practice of funding Roman Catholic schools while denying similar benefits to Jewish schools is a violation of the equality and freedom of religion guarantees of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the Ontario Court of Justice (General Division) was told last week.

Lawyer John Laskin, who along with Edward Morgan is representing five Jewish parents challenging the practice, said that the equality section of the Charter "imposes a positive obligation on the provincial government" to support religious-based schools in addition to Catholic ones.

Furthermore, the Charter provision for religious freedom prevents "indirect" government acts that compel one's conduct while forcing people to act contrary to their beliefs and conscience, Laskin argued.

Provincial authorities cannot, on the one hand, require school attendance while on the other burden the religious freedom of parents to educate their children in the manner they desire, he said.

Laskin's argument came on the first two days of a court hearing expected to last two weeks. Five parents of children in Jewish schools, acting in concert with Canadian Jewish Congress, are asking the court to order the government of Ontario to fund Jewish schools as well as provide students with health services that are available in public and Roman Catholic schools.

The court is also hearing the case of four parents with children in Protestant schools, who are supported by the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools (OACS).

The Ontario Federation of Independent Schools has entered the case as an intervener on the side of OACS and Congress. Joining the provincial government in opposing the application are the Metropolitan Toronto School Board, the Ontario School Boards Association and the Canadian Civil Liberties Association.

In his arguments, Laskin said government may be called upon to take affirmative action to protect minorities.

"The guarantee of freedom of religion, interpreted in a manner consistent not just with the preservation of, but the enhancement of, our multicultural heritage, requires an affirmative government commitment to facilitate and foster religious practice and religious identity," he argued.

Focusing on the denial of health services to students in Jewish schools, Morgan said there is no health policy rationale for the policy. "This is just sheer discrimination" that can't be justified in a democratic society, he argued.

In documents filed with the court, lawyers for the province argue that the Supreme Court of Canada (SCC) has already decided the issue contrary to the position promoted by Congress.

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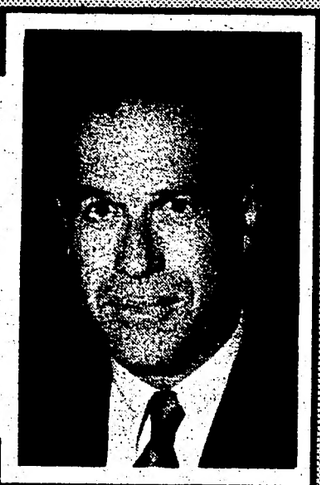

Canada

Frieberg pushing for united community

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

It didn't take Gerda Frieberg long to make her presence felt as the new chairman of the Ontario region of Canadian Jewish Congress.

In her first public function as regional chairman, Frieberg was given the task of introducing Ontario Premier Bob Rae as guest speaker at the recent Plenary Assembly's closing luncheon.

While noting Rae's strong support of the Jewish community in the wake of the Ernst Zundel Holocaust-denial trial and the premier's participation in the opening of Holocaust education week 1½ years ago, Frieberg said she hoped the day would come when he would support public funding for Jewish day schools.

"Mr. Premier, I have six grandchildren: they're awaiting your decision," she said to enthusiastic applause.

Frieberg received the honor of introducing the premier as a result of her election victory the night before over her opponent, Mark Anshan, the outgoing regional vice-chairman. The two candidates were telephoned with the results in the early hours of Sunday morning after the 312 ballots were counted.

The vote, which took place over five days, first at the Lipa Green Building and later at the plenary itself, was described by some observers as quite heated, featuring "mud-slinging" and misrepresentation of the position of the other side. The Anshan camp was concerned over suggestions their candidate was a member of a Jewish organization that is unpopular among some delegates (he denied it) while those in

Gerda Frieberg

the Gerda camp raised questions about the accuracy of campaign material distributed by Anshan supporters.

In the end, Frieberg prevailed, benefitting it appears from a solid block of student voters. Joey Felsen, chairman of Jewish Students Network and a Frieberg supporter, said he urged fellow students to back Frieberg and he believes they did so in a bloc of about 25 voters.

Flush with her victory, Frieberg said she ran to give the people of the Ontario region their first leadership choice in many years.

During her introduction of Rae, she recalled that 50 years before, she had been sent to a Nazi concentration camp. "Today is a celebration of life," she said. "I vowed that my life was not saved in vain and that I would serve the Jewish people."

Earlier, she told *The CJN* that she looked forward to working with Jewish students. "They need the leadership to fight the battles on campus," she said, adding that she did not intend to serve only one segment of the community, but to work for a united Jewish community.

Asked what would be the major items on her agenda, Frieberg responded that there is no one item on the agenda, but that "I will bring new people into Congress, will consult, then act."

Prior to conclusion of the balloting, at a late night "meet the candidates" event, Frieberg said she would "build on what previous leaders have done for Ontario."

She said she hoped "to instill in the community pride in being Jewish" and work for a community that "does not wait for crises to bring us together."

Frieberg said she understood the needs of students on university campuses and she assured delegates from smaller centres that she would be a frequent visitor to their communities.

In his address to the meeting, Anshan said he was most concerned about creating an infusion of new blood in Congress. By bringing new people to Congress and involving them in its programs and committees, word will get out that Congress is relevant and the result will be new ideas for the community, he said.

Anshan also pointed to the need for stronger Jewish identity primarily through synagogue affiliation.

Rabbi fighting for united Canada

By JOY ESKIN MOSKOVIC

OTTAWA —

Trying to keep a country together isn't usually on a rabbi's agenda. But for Ottawa's Rabbi Reuven Bulka, it is all in a day's work. The spiritual leader of Congregation Machzikei Hadas has been mounting an interdenominational unity campaign within the Canadian clergy since early March.

"I've travelled a lot, so I have a good idea about what a good thing Canada really is," said Rabbi Bulka who is American-born, but a naturalized Canadian. "The comparisons didn't ring right to me that a country such as this should fall apart, but the real question is, as I said to myself, 'Okay, you say it's wrong but what are you doing about it?' So then I asked myself, what can I do about it, and the idea just germinated from the desire to make a positive contribution."

The resulting initiative is called Clergy for a United Canada. Rabbi Bulka sent a three-part unity package to all of Canada's approximately 28,000 clerics, each containing a letter urging them to get involved in keeping Canada intact, a proclamation asking our leaders in the constitutional debate to keep Canada together and a non-denominational prayer for the clerics to use in their services.

Response has been overwhelmingly in favor of unity, with 4,413 positive responses received to date.

Only 50 clerics, mostly from Quebec, have responded negatively to Rabbi Bulka's initiative. "Some [disagreed] on basis that clergy shouldn't get involved in politics, which I might add was not our intent," he explained. But the others would like to see a sovereign Quebec.

Rabbi Bulka's major finding has been that, contrary to common opinion, Quebec clergy want their province to stay within Canada. The response rate there has been at a nine-to-one ratio for unity.

The results indicate that national unity has become a concern to many of the Canadian clergy. The usual rate of return on mass mailings is two-three percent, said Rabbi Bulka, and the return rate so far has been more than 20 percent.

Rabbi Bulka's unity messages don't suggest how national unity can be achieved or which political party can provide the solutions.

"We're very careful not to take any stands on how the division of powers between the federal government and provincial governments should be . . . This wasn't the issue. We just called upon people to work within the context of wanting to keep the family together. That should be the prevailing motif. We shouln't go in saying, 'Well, if it doesn't work out, we'll separate.' The motif should be: 'We'll do our darndest because we're in it together, we're a family. We'll work it out'."

Completely privately funded by donations, the campaign cost an estimated $22,000. The Ad Hoc Interfaith Working Group on Canada's Future, a non-partisan group based in Toronto, provided support and advice, but the funds came from those "who were very concerned about what is happening."

Rabbi Bulka is continuing his campaign by publishing the results, which have already received the interest of the media as well as of his local MP and MPP. John Manley and Dalton McGuinty, federal and provincial members for Ottawa South, have mentioned Rabbi Bulka's initiative in their respective legislature.

Joe Clark's constitutional affairs committee has also expressed interest in Rabbi Bulka's efforts.

Within the next month, the rabbi plans to present the signed proclamations to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and to Quebec Premier Robert Bourassa.

Ness Tziona mayor visits potential olim

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

Nissan Krupsky, mayor of Ness Tziona, a 110-year-old town that has been targeted as a destination for North American olim, was in town recently as part of an 11-day, seven-city North American tour, to speak to some of his potential constituents at the Israel Aliyah Centre.

Ness Tziona, a "growing town" with a population of 24,000, is already connected to the Toronto Jewish community, thanks to its Jack Posluns Cultural Centre, Krupsky told *The CJN* in an interview. "With the help of the Posluns family and the Jewish community of Toronto, we built a nice cultural centre, one of the biggest in Israel."

The centre houses a 750-seat theater, the town's main library, a music school, a chess club, and ulpan-style Hebrew classes for new olim.

Ness Tziona's size has nearly doubled in the last several years, Krupsky said, partly due to the 800 Russian olim who have moved there in the past two years. "We have olim from all over the world," said Krupsky, "from 70 different countries." They include about three dozen Ethiopian immigrants.

Plans for further growth include the construction of 5,000 to 6,000 housing units in the town, 70 percent of which will be houses. The cost of housing in Ness Tziona is "about average" for Israel, said Krupsky, adding that comparable housing would be more expensive in Tel Aviv, about 20 km to the north.

The unemployment rate in Ness Tziona is one of the lowest in Israel, says Krupsky. "If it's 10 percent in all of Israel, then it's five percent, even a bit less in Ness Tziona."

High tech industries are the major employers in the town, and sciences are emphasized in the school system. "About 90 percent [of students] will study technical science in Ness Tziona," said Krupsky.

Given that the town has doubled its population in recent years, with plans to double again and new facilities to serve an expanded population, the town is gearing up for students who will "come back to Ness Tziona and work in their home town."

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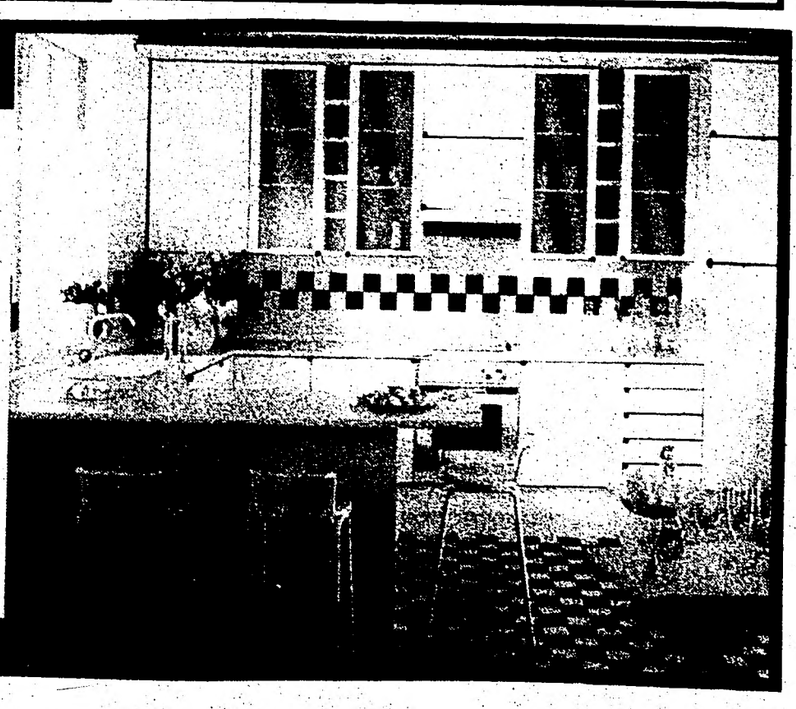

Political leaders stress need for national unity

CJC Plenary

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Delegates to the recent Plenary Assembly of Canadian Jewish Congress were urged by several speakers to make their voices heard, both as an organization and as individuals, in the ongoing constitutional debate racking the country.

Ontario Premier Bob Rae, addressing the plenary's closing luncheon, said Congress has a special role to play in the debate.

Congress has historically been an important player in the push for human rights in every province, Rae said. As a matter of course, government asks what is the position of Congress on a given issue. Congress must continue to be heard as the nation debates its future, he added.

Bob Rae

Rae had the delegates hanging on his every word as the premier structured his message on a model first enunciated by Rabbi Hillel 2,000 years ago.

If I am not for myself, who will be for me? the premier asked in the manner of Rabbi Hillel. If Ontario does not make its voice heard on constitutional issues like an equal senate, who will, he asked.

But If I am only for myself, what am I? the premier continued. Ontario must recognize the feelings and grievances in the rest of the country, including Quebec, and respond to them.

If not now, when? he asked. How many more studies and royal commissions are needed before there is recognition of the need to make "necessary compromises in the life of the nation," the premier asked.

Speaking at an earlier meeting, federal Multiculturalism and Citizenship Minister Gerry Weiner departed from his prepared text to present an impassioned call for national unity. Recalling some of the "dark stains" on Canadian history, including his personal experiences of anti-Semitism, he said Canadians are largely a "generous, caring" people and Canada serves as a unique model of coexistence to the world.

But "there is a legitimate concern for our future," he said.

The government has responded to criticisms that national policy was discussed behind closed doors and it has opened itself to consultation, he said.

"I would encourage you. . . with your neighbors and friends. . . to make sure your serious desires to have one Canada, undivided and whole" are heard, Weiner said.

Despite differences of language, culture and region, "I have a strong sense that Canadians have not yet discovered just how much they really do share in common," Weiner said. "And that if they could only discover it, it would make the task of achieving consensus so much easier.

"It is in that spirit that Congress, in its experience and in its values, has much to offer in helping Canadians truly learn about one another."

Referring to a coalition that included Congress and its Italian and Greek counterparts, Weiner said "the coalition has had a significant impact on the constitutional debate far beyond the communities and individuals it represented. I know that in Western Canada, it helped many Canadians really begin to understand for the first time where Quebec and the distinct society were coming from."

Weiner concluded by urging Congress and its delegates to get involved in the struggle for Canadian unity.

In an address to another meeting of the plenary, former Ontario premier David Peterson said that in the past, despite their political differences, Canada's three major parties shared the same values. They believed in multiculturalism, bilingualism, regional equality — "that we should aspire as Canadians to share the good things from sea to sea."

Looking back to confederation in 1967, Peterson said the foundation of this society was the ability to compromise and the desire to create a decent, compassionate society.

But since the death of the Meech Lake accords, "people are saying, 'give me my piece or I'm not going to play,' " Peterson said.

He said Canadians must recall their shared values and the goodwill that was manifested during the 1980 Quebec referendum.

Peterson called on the delegates to use their influence to support an atmosphere in which politicians can put together a constitutional compromise.

Presenting a view from Quebec, federalist businesswomen and lawyer Celine Hervieux-Payette said that Quebecois feel "a little more threatened because distances have been abolished" in the current global village.

Delegates have role to play

She asked the Congress delegates to tell their communities that Quebec takes pride that the English minority in Quebec has its own school boards, hospitals, universities. The treatment of minorities in Quebec is better than in the rest of Canada, she said.

She said Congress delegates, coming from a minority group, have a role to play in the current debate since they are aware of the need to fight to retain culture and heritage.

An aboriginal perspective was presented by Konrad Sioui, grand-chief of the First Nations of Quebec-Labrador and a member of the Huron-Wyandat nation.

Native nations must have "full role within the circle" of national debate, Sioui said. Without that role, they could not support Meech Lake and will not support "150 years more of French/English control over our lives.

"We will maintain a place at the constitutional table," he said. "We don't beg for it. It belongs to us."

Sioui said aboriginal spokesmen will bring "a new vision and new values to the talks, such as peace, harmony, equality and the absence of hierarchy.

David Peterson

He said that "new nations" to Canada, such as Jews, Italians and Chinese, should not be trapped in the French/English dispute and must help solve the problem.

He said Natives want to empty Canadian jails of their youth, manage their own social services and justice system, get rid of the Indian Affairs department, be free to hunt for game, protect their languages and maintain self-determination.

In other discussions, Max Bernard, chairman of Congress' national unity committee, said the Jewish community is "a player" in the constitutional talks and must remain so since the outcome of the negotiations will determine the Jewish people's everyday lives.

Quebec is a unique society, he said. But the position taken by Congress and its Greek and Italian allies is that Canada is no longer composed of only French and English elements. Canada is a pluralist society and the Charter of Rights should remain strong, as that can only benefit the Jewish community, he said.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut of Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple said every Jew should understand a people's desire to preserve its culture and heritage.

Jews should hope for a society not painted in a single color, but one painted with many brushes that favors pluralism and multiculturalism.

Quebec's goals of maintaining a distinct society can be solved within a unified Canada that solves its inherent tensions "in a peaceful and honorable fashion," Rabbi Plaut concluded.

Irwin Cotler, a constitutional expert and professor of law at McGill University, urged Congress to re-establish a special committee on the Canadian constitution.

Silverberg sought

The German Consulate General in Toronto is trying to establish contact with Harry Silverberg who might be a witness in the ongoing war crimes trial against Heinrich Johannes Kühnemann, a former SS-guard in Auschwitz. Silverberg was born on April 15, 1910 in Checiny, Poland. He had lived in 143 Almore Ave., Downsview, Ontario. Anyone who knows about the whereabouts of Mr. Silverberg should contact Walter Leuchs of the German Consulate General, 416-925-2813.

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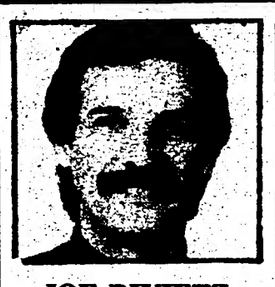

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Olim play key role

CJC Plenary

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Soviet olim may hold the balance of power in the June 23 Israeli election, Yitzchak Shelef, Israel's ambassador to Canada, told a forum at the Canadian Jewish Congress plenary.

They may be the determining factor in four to six seats in the Knesset, he said.

But Prof. Daniel Elazar of the Jerusalem Centre for Public Affairs, said the Soviet olim would not vote as a bloc for any particular party, even though there was a lot of talk in the early days that they would all support Likud. He predicted their votes would go "to every part of the political spectrum."

About 10 percent of the Soviet olim will vote for religious parties, he said.

There are tensions between Soviet olim and Ethiopian olim and Soviet olim have said they do not want Ethiopian Jews living among them, Elazar said.

Forty percent of Soviet olim are unemployed. "This is frightening but I'm surprised that 60 percent are employed even if it is not in their profession," he said.

No society on earth could absorb the number of doctors that came to Israel from the former Soviet Union, even if they were all qualified to be doctors, Elazar said.

Though Soviet aliyah has slowed down to a trickle, this only adds to the problem, he said, because when there were "masses" of olim coming the activity generated by such numbers created employment.

Most of the olim have come with a good spirit and are willing to begin a job anywhere, he said. Another bright spot is that they have located in all parts of the country.

With 4.1 million Jews (10 percent being new olim) now living in Israel (total population 5,000,000) Israel has 30 percent of the world's Jews and within the next decade will pass the United States as the world's largest Jewish community, Elazar said. "We are on the threshold of new state-Diaspora relations."

A total of 5,000 Ethiopian sabras have been born in Israel, Shelef said, a statement which brought applause from the audience.

"If any of the 55,000 Jews in Yugoslavia want to come to Israel they will be welcome," he said.

Syrian changes denounced

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

While Syrian Jews no longer have to post a bond before travelling abroad, they are often forced to pay "four or five times" the amount of the deposit "under the table" to the secret police, a forum at the Canadian Jewish plenary was told.

The recent relaxing of travel restrictions for Syria's 4,000 Jews amount to nothing more than "a cynical, clever, public relations ploy" because Jews still cannot emigrate, Judy Feld Carr, chairman of the National Task Force for Syrian Jews, told the well-attended session.

In late April, Syria's foreign minister confirmed an earler U.S. State Department announcement that Damascus would loosen travel restrictions for Jews. Travel to Israel, however, is still forbidden.

Since the announcement, an estimated 60 Jews have left Syria, almost all of them to Brooklyn's Syrian Jewish enclave.

Carr said the policy was timed to coincide with Mideast peace talks in Washington in order to boost Syria's stature with the Americans.

She said Jews still have to provide unofficial and large cash deposits to the feared Mukhabarat, the secret service, and can only take with them two suitcases and the equivalent of $2,000 (U.S.) when they travel.

The new policy is a catch-22, she said. Because they cannot emigrate, Jews are not allowed to sell their businesses, homes or possessions.

"They have to leave everything behind," Carr said. "The Jews of Syria are still imprisoned by a callous and devious dictator."

That sentiment was echoed by the session's special guest speaker, Victor Abadi, a 46-year-old jeweller who now lives in New York.

In December, 1983, while still living in Aleppo, Abadi came home to find his two young children and his pregnant wife shot and stabbed to death.

In 1968, Abadi served 117 days in prison for having travelled from Aleppo to Damascus.

Now remarried, he fled Syria in 1986 and "found a reason to stay alive: to tell my story. I am a survivor of the Holocaust of Syria, not Europe."

He said every Syrian Jew has a story of horror and oppression to tell. "Hell is their lot," Abadi noted in a cracking voice. "[Authorities] have a file on everyone."

He likened Syrian leader Hafez Assad with Adolf Hitler: "Both launched similar experiments" with Jews.

Toronto lawyer Bert Raphael, who recently prepared a legal brief outlining violations of Syrian Jews' rights, said Syria will respond to international pressure, just as the former Soviet Union did.

He said there is room for "cautious optimism" on the question of emigration.

International human rights advocate Irwin Cotler of McGill University in Montreal said Syria's constitution is "replete" with guarantees of human rights, but that Damascus engages in "pervasive and persistent" assaults on Jews nonetheless.

Jews in Syria cannot vote or hold public office. All mail and telephone calls to and from the community are monitored, he said.

Cotler called on Syria to allow Jews to emigrate, to stop arrests, harassment and persecution of Jews and to end "state-sponsored" anti-Semitism.

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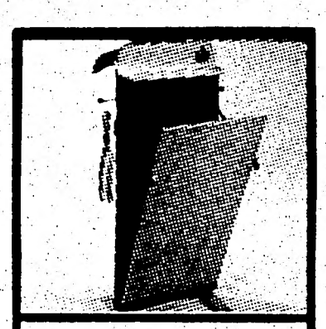

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Delay in war crimes trials cause for concern: Harris

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Since its inception in 1987, the Canadian Justice Department's war crimes unit has initiated four cases. While succeeding in removing the citizenship of former Dutch Nazi collaborator Jacob Luitjens, it has failed to obtain conviction in any of the three remaining criminal cases.

In its 12 years of existence, the United States' Office of Special Investigation (OSI) has denaturalized 38 Nazi persecutors. Two denaturalization cases were launched earlier this year and the unit expects to recommend five further prosecutions for a total of seven this year, said OSI deputy director Eli Rosenbaum.

The pace of Canadian prosecutions — contrasted with the American example — was an underlying motif in two separate forums on war criminals held at Canadian Jewish Congress' recently-concluded Plenary Assembly.

In his address to one forum, Milton Harris, chairman of Congress' war crimes committee, pointed to a change in leadership of the Canadian war crimes unit 1½ years ago.

"Since then no new criminal actions or denaturalization proceedings have been started," he said.

"We are now concerned that the gridlock I encountered in the mid-1980s in the Justice Department bureaucracy has gripped the war crimes unit. . . As we have experienced so often before, we must ask if the will of this government is being frustrated by the bureaucracy responsible for its implementation."

In a question period following his prepared remarks, Harris said he believed that the government move to take action against Nazi war criminals was "a one-man decision" of Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. Since then, the natural inclination of a bureaucracy to do nothing has taken hold of the war crimes prosecution process.

Bill Hobson, who headed the unit until he resigned 1½ years ago, said he viewed the issue of prosecuting Nazi war criminals as a justice issue, not a Jewish one. He said the "made in Canada" approach of prosecuting crimes against humanity would send a message of "never again" to a new generation.

Hobson recalled that under his stewardship, the war crimes unit announced in November 1989 that 45 cases had been priorized for investigation and recommendations would be made on some. The unit then recommended prosecution in the Michael Pawlawski and Stephen Reistetter cases (both of which the Crown later dropped) while it found that allegations in two other cases were incorrect.

Milton Harris

In two further cases, investigations were disrupted by changes in Eastern Europe and recommendations could not be made, he said.

Hobson said that when examining the work of the war crimes unit, what matters most is whether investigations produce evidence and recommendations to proceed are made.

Rosenbaum said the OSI is now experiencing the most rapid pace of initiating new cases in its history and expects to soon launch a case involving an individual involved in the murder of 15,000 people in wartime Lithuania. The unit also boasts the highest success rate of any Justice Department criminal prosecution section, he said.

Changes in Eastern Europe have opened the door to a wealth of archives material and the OSI is now able to peruse the materials without having to rely on local archivists, some of whom did not even speak German, he said.

In an address to another forum, Christopher Amerasinghe, who prosecuted the case against accused war criminal Imre Finta and successfuly extradited Helmut Rauca to West Germany in 1983, said "It is the most difficult work I've undertaken in 27 years as a criminal lawyer."

(Finta is a former Hungarian gendarmerie captain acquitted of robbery, kidnapping, forcible confinement and manslaughter charges.)

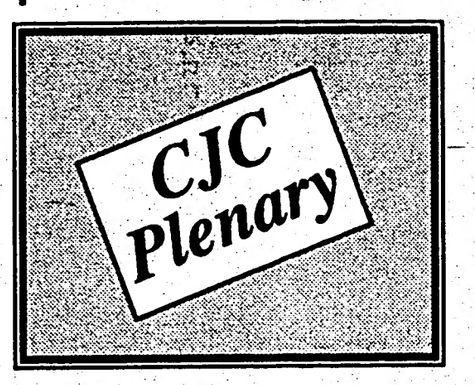
Looking back at the Finta case, Amerasinghe said he was most struck by the fact that all members of the jury were born after the war. They have "a lack of a sense of immediacy" regarding the crimes, he said.

The trial process starts with having to educate the judge and jury about the gravity of the crimes and breaking down the attitudes they bring to the case, he said. There are "still many people in Canada who at the very least are unsympathetic to the issue," he said.

Michael Wolf, former deputy director of the OSI and a consultant to the government of Australia on war crimes, told another forum that Australia decided on criminal prosecutions despite the fact that few perpetrators, victims or witnesses reside in the country and despite the fact that Australia during World War II was primarily concerned with the Pacific theatre of conflict.

The decision to prosecute was a "pure moral decision" but because of the costs involved, the government announced its decision to close the investigating office at the end of June, he said.

Sociologist urges Sephardi integration



By CAROLYN BLACKMAN and FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

To ensure the survival of the Sephardic community in Canada, it should become integrated into the Jewish community while maintaining its own distinct culture, says Sarah Taieb-Carlen, a leading sociologist.

Taieb-Carlen, along with Prof. Messod Salama, of Memorial University in Newfoundland, spoke at a recent forum that formed part of Canadian Jewish Congress' 23rd Plenary Assembly. The forum was co-sponsored by Canadian Jewish Historical Society.

Taieb-Carlen said that Toronto has many Jewish schools whose curricula are strictly of Ashkenazi origin. "This is not fair to the Sephardic kids or their parents. Their culture, pride and identity must be given back to them."

She stressed that she hopes the current interest in the Sephardic community will not end when the 1992 anniversary year has ended.

She told the group that about one-tenth of the Canadian Jewish community is Sephardic and in Toronto alone there are between 20,000 and 25,000 Sephardic Jews. "Most people think of Jews from North Africa when they think of Sephardic Jews, but we must remember they also come from countries such as Israel, Egypt, India, Iran, Iraq and Yemen."

She said that in Montreal there are about 30,000 Sephardic Jews and they seem to be faring better than those living in Toronto. "The Quebecois saw French-speaking Jewish immigrants arriving in Montreal who took part in everything the city had to offer. They saw creative, professional, French-speaking Jews, and this was something new to them."

Salama agreed that the Sephardic Jews of Quebec "have built a constructive link between Ashkenazi Jews and the Quebecois." He said that the Sephardic community in Canada represents a minority within a minority. "Despite the differences, however, between Sephardic and Ashkenazi Jews, they share the same longing for a bright future for Israel. If Sephardic Jews lose their identity, the loss is not confined to them but to all world Jewry."

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The Sephardi Jews remained different from other Jews because they retained their Spanish culture, said Salomon Oziel, president Sefarad '92 Canada, at the Plenary's opening night Sephardi commemoration.

Former Israeli president Yitzhak Navon also spoke at the program, which was enhanced by Cantor Armand Moyal's choice of Sephardi liturgical selections and explanations of their place in Sephardi celebrations.

Both Navon and Oziel spoke of the rich legacy left by pre-expulsion Spanish Jewry, the largest and strongest Jewish community in the world at the time, according to Navon.

The fate of that community was "a tragedy of similar proportions to the Holocaust of the 20th century," said Oziel.

Salomon Oziel

Pre-expulsion Spanish Jewry was characterized by an integration of faith and science, said Navon. "You could be a rabbi and be an astronomer, or a philosopher, or a politician," he said.

There was also a strong pride in the Hebrew language, in the Bible and in Jewish cultural traditions, said Navon. That pride was reflected in the scholarship that emerged -- Hebrew dictionaries, the Kaballah, The Book of Laws. Rabbi Yosef Caro and Maimonides were just two of the scholars of that time.

Fight against anti-Semitism seen important for all Jews

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Swastikas were carved on her books while someone wrote "Hitler should have killed you," on her desk, a 16-year-old high school girl from Moncton, N.B., told a forum at the Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary.

Yona Attis said her first reaction was to ask her parents to take her out of the school because "the teachers were shutting me out." But she said she "grew up" in the months following and appreciated why her father, David Attis, was taking action to have teacher Malcolm Ross removed from his job. The case is still before the courts.

"The aftermath of the public inquiry is that the students are now supportive of me. I am in Grade 10 of Moncton High and comfortable with my non-Jewish friends. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else.

"But I ask myself, "Why the Jews?' Will my children fight the same battle? To the entire Jewish Canadian community, I want to thank you for your support."

Brenda Enchin, of London, thanked Attis for standing up to the attacks on her.

In the discussion period, moderated by Keith Landy, a student from the University of Western Ontario said Jewish students feel abandoned on the campus. "We're being targetted by other groups and we need help from Congress to form coalitions."

Ruth Kahane of Ottawa said the anti-racism coalition in Ottawa does not consider anti-Semitism as one of their causes. "They see the Jewish community as being on the fringe."

A Toronto teacher said it is a constant battle to keep anti-Semitism in the mainstream of discussions on racism. "The attitude to us is that we've made it."

Canada's status as a "kindler, gentler" nation on race relations than the United States may not be valid, considering the number of places that have voted themselves unilingual and "the shooting of blacks in questionable circumstances in Toronto," the forum was told.

However, Manuel Prutschi, director of community relations for the Canadian Jewish Congress, said racism is not at the centre of Canadian life. "Canada is in the process of turning its back on racism. I'm not saying there is no racism in Canada but the multicultural ethos in Canada is irreversible."

Hal Joffe, a Calgary Lawyer, deplored racists remarks in the Jewish community. "During the Los Angeles riots I heard disparaging remarks in my own community. How dare we do that to another minority?"

Each Jew must be prepared to confront racism wherever it is found, Joffe said, and this includes confronting a neighbor over a racist joke.

Joffe said the Jewish community must reconsider its reliance on the criminal code and explore the advantages of using public inquiries to combat actions against Jews.

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Avraham Burg

At 37 years of age, Avraham Burg, one of the new breed of Labor Party activists, has vaulted to third place on the party's electoral list. An ex-paratrooper and an Orthodox Jew (he is the son of National Religious Party leader Dr. Yosef Burg), Avraham Burg has been outspoken in his criticism of the exemptions from military service enjoyed by yeshiva students and he has called for separation of religion and state. He began his political activism with Peace Now. A member of the Knesset since 1988, Burg has served as advisor on Diaspora affairs to former Labor Party leader Shimon Peres. He was in Toronto recently to address Canadian Jewish Congress' Plenary Assembly. During his visit, he spoke to CJN reporter Paul Lungen.

CJN: *What are your party's expectations going into the June 23 elections? What do the polls say?*

Burg: It looks as if the Labor Party is leading and we will be the biggest party, [though 40 percent of voters are undecided]. The big question is whether we will have enough of a voting bloc to form a coalition without the Likud.

CJN: *What are the major issues that Labor is promoting in terms of appealing to the voter?*

Burg: In Israel, it's not as if you invent something or take something and push it forward. Israel has existential, basic problems like peacemaking, how you do it; the economy, what's wrong and how you improve it; the international situation; unemployment; absorption of immigration; homeless people; jobs. A party has to offer the public a comprehensive policy and solution that gives answers to all of these things. And this is exactly what we try to do.

[We also] offer the Israelis a very good leadership marked by its integrity, its honesty and its efficiency.

CJN: *Is the peace issue the foremost issue in the campaign or is it the economic issue?*

Burg: They are all interwoven. You cannot say, I'm only a peacemaker, or I'm only an economist. Economy is part of peace and peace is part of security and security is part of the daily situation in Israel.

I'll give you a good example. You cannot look at the solution to absorption without the loan guarantees. You can't have the loan guarantees if you don't have a peace process. If you don't have a peace process and you don't have the loan guarantees, [then] you don't have employment [or] absorption of aliya.

So, everything is connected to everything else. Therefore, when you say peace is important, you're right. And if you say employment is a top issue, you're right.

CJN: *We in the Diaspora hear the loan guarantees is not an issue related to the others, but is a humanitarian issue.*

Burg: Never mind the official line. The main thing I know is that Shamir willingly risked both the peace process and the loan guarantees for the sake of 500 provocative housing [starts] in Gaza. It is irrelevant the way I want to describe it. It is very relevant the way the donor, the American government, sees it. And they see it as an integrated, linked part of the peace process. And therefore it is.

CJN: *How would Labor be different on the loan guarantee issue?*

Burg: It's not a question of a loan guarantee difference. The Labor Party has a different policy vis-a-vis peace. We will intensify the rhythm and will accelerate the process. [Labor leader] Yitzhak Rabin promised that within six to nine months he wants to have autonomy already functioning.

And the minute you have a different approach towards peace, there is no doubt that international opinion will be a different one, much more supportive, much more positive towards Israel. And therefore, much more willing to help Israel absorb immigration, which is a humanitarian issue.

CJN: *What is Labor doing to appeal to the new Soviet immigrants? Do you have a special platform that would appeal to them?*

Burg: If you want to keep your political integrity, you don't create new platforms for new problems. If you have a good policy, it should be a good policy and apply to all. Otherwise you just try to be populist to flatter the voter rather than solving the problems.

We believe that two things simultaneously can produce prosperity, economic growth and therefore new jobs and new economic hope in Israel.

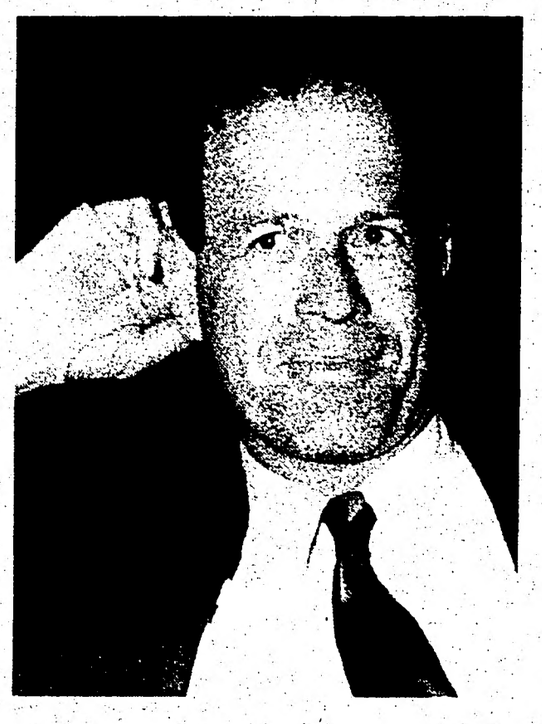
These things are the peace process which will enable foreign investment to find a way to Israel.

Second is to change Israel's priorities. That means primarily taking something like four to five billion shekels from the settlements and investing in necessary infrastructures in Israel. And when you invest this sum of money in a short period of time, not in political gambles but in economic needs, you create the kind of economic growth that will bring employment and jobs. And the main thing that concerns the Russian immigrants is jobs.

CJN: *You're now the number three man on the Labor election list. Are we seeing a new generation of people taking over control of the Labor Party and the old guard being pushed aside?*

Burg: The Labor Party like many other parties in Israel is suffering from what I call the first generation syndrome. The first generation syndrome is that the people who are now around their 70s, people who were formed politically in 1948 like Ariel Sharon, Geula Cohen, Shulamit Aloni, Shamir, Peres or Rabin, are people who are carrying the leadership job for a generation and a half.

Therefore you find in the Labor Party this trauma. It was a very known one. You find a whole generation gap between the people in their 70s and people like myself in their late 30s and early 40s. There is a 30-year missing link in our politics. If in astronomy you speak about the black hole, in our politics you speak about the gray hole.



People of the second generation could never stand up against the old leadership of Peres and Rabin and in a way wasted their chance. And here comes the new generation. Besides [me there] is Chaim Ramon, who is now the chairman of our faction in the Knesset, Yossi Beilin, who is secretary of the [Labor] cabinet. There are a few others. We have a different style, we have a different ideology, we have a different energy.

CJN: *What are the changes in Labor's approach to the economy. Do you foresee more privatization, less bureaucracy?*

Burg: We have a very solid, strong, opinionated group within the party. It's my group and Chaim Ramon's group. We are trying to change the traditional socialist ideology which was necessary in the first years of the state, into a social democratic ideology, the kind you find in Europe today; looking on one hand for a society which [provides] equal opportunities [but] takes responsibility for many social services which give people education, health services.

On the other hand, [we want] to have a much more efficient economy. I'll give you two examples. We don't want the Histadrut to be the landlord or the employer of the trade union and the people. The workers' company should be nothing more than a holding company for the benefit of the trade unions.

The second thing is health. We really want to have a national health law.

We want to change education in Israel dramatically so [the education system] can compete with Japan, not with Jordan.

CJN: *Do you expect to attract more of the Sephardi vote as a result of your new policies?*

Burg: You find today that second or third generation Israelis find it easier to vote for Rabin or for myself or Chaim Ramon rather than vote for Shamir. Something very dramatic happened at the last Likud convention. The fact that David Levy was so publicly humiliated and insulted, and the way he carried his ethnic frustration made many people re-think their support of Likud. The Likud became an ethnic, almost racial, anti-Sephardi party. And the one who expressed it better than ourselves was David Levy.

CJN: *Does that mean that Labor expects to pick up those disgruntled Sephardi voters?*

Burg: We don't think and we don't speak in terms of Sephardi and Ashkenazi. I think in terms of Israelis and I want to pick up as many disappointed Likud people as possible. If they will be Ashkenazim or Sephardim, welcome to the Labor Party.

CJN: *You've talked about changing the link between religion and state in Israel. What would you like to see changed in that respect?*

Burg: At the last party convention, I stood up on the podium and offered a separation between church and state, a separation between politics and religion; having a constitution that will equalize all people [before] the law.

I was the one who led one of the most bitter parliamentary battles ever [over] the exemption of yeshiva boys [from] the army. I was called a Nazi, anti-Semite and barking dog by the Knesset ultra-Orthodox. It was a very difficult battle.

I am sick of the corruption of the religious establishment. I am afraid and very anxious about the alienation many Israelis, mainly young people, feel towards Judaism, Jewishness and their roots.

Who represents the religious parties today? The people who try to circumvent however they can, serving in the army.

So I have very clear cut opinions about this. One of the reasons I was elected so high was because I am the only one who offers an alternative relationship between religious and unreligious people.

CJN: *How will that translate in terms of coalition building after an election?*

Burg: That's irrelevant.

CJN: *In the past, Labor has aligned itself with religious parties. Likud is doing that now.*

Burg: I'll tell you why it's irrelevant. I want to believe, and this is what Rabin and many people in Labor believe right now, is that the only way Labor will begin the process of forming a narrow-based coalition will be if we have a blocking vote in the Knesset. Which means we have 60 or 61 mandates (the Knesset has 120 seats); fifty or 51 percent of the Knesset will be ours. Labor, the left bloc and the Arabs should give us 50 percent of the Knesset.

Otherwise, if let's say we have 55 members, 48 percent [of the vote], and we begin the negotiations with the ultra-Orthodox parties, they will blackmail and blackmail and blackmail, and then go to the Likud. So we say, no.

If we don't have a voting bloc, or a majority without the religious element, we don't even begin negotiations with them. But if we have, let them come to our government with our terms. And we should have three terms. One is an active support for direct elections for the prime ministership in the next election — what we call electoral reform.

The second thing is, criteria and norms in money distribution for educational and religious institutions. Put an end to the corruption.

And the third thing is changing the situation of the exemption of yeshiva boys [from the army].

CJN: *Getting back to electoral reform. Would your proposals make the prime minister more like an American president?*

Burg: It would be more like a French president. . . We need a total reform. That means we have to give much more executive power to the prime minister by electing him directly. And we need much more of an individual relationship between the MK and his or her voters. Therefore we have to have both direct election for members of the Knesset and the prime minister.

Part of the Knesset should be elected in the regions and part should be elected nation-wide.

That was how Labor elected our list — 50 percent were elected in the regions and 50 percent nationally.

CJN: *Let's turn to the government-to-government relationship. What would Labor do differently to improve relations with the United States government?*

Burg: Israel has to realize that strategically, the terminology "one world superpower" is a very meaningful one. We had once a Middle East during the Cold War where each side was backed by a superpower.

I was Israel, and this is my brother the United States. I am Syria, and this is his brother the Soviet Union. We don't have this situation [today]. Therefore we had a full friend in America. The minute the [United States] became the one world superpower, the United States government was pushed to the centre to become a broker. The minute America became a broker, Israel lost half a friend and the Arabs gained half a friend. And that's a new world. And Israel has to grow up with this world rather that provoke and fight this world.

This is a political thing.

At the ideological level it is much more difficult to correct. In the last 15-17 years, Israel played to the situation by becoming a strategic asset rather than a moral partner. From 1948 until the early 70s, Israel was a moral partner. It spoke about refugees, the Biblical legacy and democracy and pluralism and tolerance — all the good things that made us and the Americans part of the same cultural hemisphere. But the minute we became a strategic, military asset, this [became] an instrumental situation.

When one side needs the asset, he uses the asset. The minute you don't need it, you just neglect it.

The real question is, how can Israel restore its position, its relationship with the United State based on morality and ethics rather than on military and strategic co-operation.

CJN: *What are the roles of the American and Canadian Jewish communities in that?*

Burg: In the long run, this should be the agenda of the communities, ours and the Americans and Canadians. The first stage is to put it on the table.

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Finta appeal launched

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Justice Minister Kim Campbell last week gave a green light to launch an appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada (SCC) in the case involving accused war criminal Imre Finta.

The decision was greeted favorably by Jewish organizations, which had called for an appeal to the High Court in light of a split 3-2 decision of the Ontario Court of Appeal, which upheld Finta's acquittal.

"Given the strong dissent of two of the judges in the Ontario Court of Appeal who would have ordered a new trial, we are not surprised and welcome an appeal to the SCC," said Milton Harris, chairman of the war crimes committee of Canadian Jewish Congress.

Congress, along with B'nai Brith Canada and the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, had urged federal authorities to take the case to the High Court.

"We are particularly concerned that there be an appeal in light of the nature of one issue that divided the Court of Appeal, namely whether remarks directed by defence counsel against the Jewish community tainted the verdict," said a letter to Campbell from B'nai Brith spokesmen David Matas and Frank Dimant.

"To fail to call on the SCC to reverse the decision of the Ontario Court of Appeal would be tragic," said Wiesenthal Centre representative Sol Littman in a letter to Campbell.

The dissenting judgements of Chief Justice Charles Dubin and J. A. Tarnopolsky "provide the Crown with a virtual blueprint for an appeal," Littman said.

In announcing the decision to appeal, the Justice Department said the appeal will be based on four questions of law.

The first two deal with a ruling by the Court of Appeal that it was up to the jury, and not the judge, to decide the question of whether the offences constituted war crimes or crimes against humanity and that Finta had to know his acts constituted such crimes.

The third ground alleged that the Appeal Court should have found that the trial judge's instructions to the jury did not cure defence counsel Doug Christie' improper remarks to the jury.

The fourth ground suggested the Appeal Court majority erred in finding there was no substantial wrong or miscarriage of justice in the admission by the trial judge of certain evidence.

Finta, a former Hungarian gendarmerie captain, was acquitted by a jury in 1990 of charges of forcible confinement, kidnapping and manslaughter in connection with 8,617 Jews in the south Hungarian town of Szeged.

Last month the Ontario Court of Appeal turned down a Crown appeal that it order a new trial in the case.

Wainberg ends term at BBC

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Marilyn Wainberg leaves her post as president of B'nai Brith Canada this week with a sense of accomplishment combined with a desire to do more.

Wainberg was a trailblazer, as the first female president of the fraternal organization, which claims 20,000 family members, and as one of only two modern leaders to serve two full terms.

Unfortunately, those terms came just as the economy went into a nosedive, and it was up to Wainberg, whose background was mainly in human rights work, to become a financial whiz.

"We were able to survive when so many other things couldn't," the 51-year-old Wainberg told *The CJN* in a telephone interview from her Montreal home, just before departing for BBC's annual convention at the Concord Resort Hotel in the Catskills.

Once there, Wainberg will hand over the reins to Gabe Nachman, a partner at Coopers and Lybrand, and longtime BBC activist David Lerner is slated to become president-elect.

Under Wainberg's leadership, BBC was forced to pare down its estimated $3 million debt.

It was student and youth services which suffered the knife. Hillel, the on-campus youth group at the University of Toronto, had its budget slashed by $40,000, while B'nai Brith Youth Organization (BBYO) branches here and in Montreal were told to fend for themselves.

Marilyn Wainberg

While the cutting of funds to both groups was the "hardest blow" of her tenure, Wainberg sees the relationship between BBC and both groups as essentially healthy.

Hillel, she notes, has allied itself with the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, while BBYO out west is still being funded. The branches in Toronto and Montreal receive office space and facilities from BBC.

"I think [the cutting off funds] was good for the community," she says. "B'nai Brith was like a parent, and [Hillel and BBYO] reached a point of maturity where they had to stand on their own two feet."

Wainberg, a nurse by training, became president in 1990 and decided a year ago to serve another full term, despite the fact that Frank Wilson was then president-elect and constitutionally slated to take over.

But Wilson became caught up in an investigation by the Ontario Human Rights Commission of an employment agency he co-owns for alleged discriminatory practices. He was personally absolved and the agency settled the matter by agreeing to a series of Commission recommendations.

However, Wainberg headed Wilson off, presumably to spare BBC any embarrassing fallout from the affair.

The past two years have been heady around the world, Wainberg notes.

The collapse of communism in Eastern Europe, the disintegration of the Soviet Union and the rescue of Soviet and Ethiopian Jews have all provided work for BBC's Institute for International Affairs, which monitors the plight of world Jewry. Here at home, the League for Human Rights documented an overall rise in anti-Semitism and stepped up efforts to combat it.

Despite the challenges, Wainberg describes her tenure as rejuvenating and stimulating.

The downside, she adds, has been the need for austerity.

That's why she's hoping that her successor's experience as head of the B'nai Brith Foundation will help in raising funds for BBC.

Mock reappointed to CMAC

TORONTO —

Dr. Karen Mock, national director of the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada, has been reappointed as chairman of the board of the Canadian Multiculturalism Advisory Committee.

In a letter sent to Mock, Gerry Weiner, Minister of State for Multiculturalism and Citizenship, praised her valuable contribution to CMAC over the past two years and asked her to serve an additional term.

"The quality of work produced by CMAC in addition to the many hours of your personal time spent on committee activities have not gone unnoticed," wrote Weiner.

"We are pleased and proud that the calibre of Karen's work has been so widely recognized," said Frank Dimant, executive vice president of B'nai Brith Canada. "I am sure she brings the same depth of knowledge, experience, commitment and collegiality to her work on the federal advisory committee that she brings to the League and B'nai Brith. We extend our sincere congratulations to Dr. Mock and wish her continued success as a Canadian Jewish leader in multiculturalism and race relations," he added.

The advisory committee members represent the country's professional, cultural, regional and linguistic diversity. Mock, an educational psychologist, has specialized for many years in multiculturalism and race relations. She is the past president of the Ontario Multicultural Association and a former member of the board of the Urban Alliance on Race Relations.

Considered to be a leading authority in her field, Mock has developed courses and frequently conducts workshops for school boards, social service agencies, government ministries and community groups.

"I am honored to have your confidence and to accept the reappointment as chairperson of CMAC," wrote Mock in her reply to Weiner.

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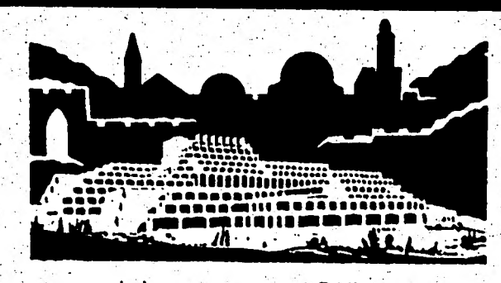

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Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

FLEISCHER — KATZEV

It is mainly because of the meat that you have surnames in Jewish and Hebrew that are the equivalent of butcher.

In Yiddish, it is Fleischer or Fleischmann or the German Metzger. In Hebrew, it is Katzev.

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BADIAN

Hugo Badian, of Montreal, writes me about his research of his family name and presents three alternatives:

— a spice extracted from an aromatic exotic plant used as a flavor in food;

— a derivation from the Hebrew word Badchan, an entertainer or merrymaker who performed especially at Jewish weddings;

— a tropical beach in a Phillipine island.

He chooses the first as the most plausible. He rejects the third as his family roots in Galicia and not the Orient.

I offer two alternatives:

— Badane, the Yiddish version of the Ukrainian Bogdana, which means God-given, the equivalent of Nathaniel in Hebrew and Theodore in Greek.

— In the medieval structure of the Kahal — the organized Jewish community in Eastern Europe, one of the officials was the Dayan — the judge. The name was given prominence in Israel by Moshe Dayan. The son of the judge was Bardayan.

It is a distinguished name and it may be worth hunting for the lost "R" in Badian.

Canada

AJCS becomes Federation CJA

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

After 27 years, Allied Jewish Community Services (AJCS) has disappeared from Montreal — and been replaced by Federation CJA.

The name change, which has come out of the blue for most Montreal Jews, has been discussed for about three years among AJCS officials.

Several reasons are offered for the change at this time. First of all, it's part of a North American trend. Several community umbrella organizations in recent years that didn't already have 'federation' in their name and are affiliated with the New York-based Council of Jewish Federations have already made a name change. (Toronto is one example.)

Currently, 156 of the 182 CJF-affiliated communities are 'Federations,' Federation CJA president Harvey Wolfe points out.

Secondly, the name is bilingual, if one forgets what 'CJA' stands for. Officially, Federation written entirely in upper case, no accents are therefore needed.

Twenty percent of the community is francophone and "this is Quebec," says communications director Sherry Stein. Although private organizations like Federation CJA do not have to comply with Bill 101's language regulations, she said the Office de la Langue Francaise was consulted for its opinion on the new name.

The signature line on the letterhead uses the two languages: Federation of Jewish Community Services of Montreal/Federation des services communautaires juifs de Montreal.

'Combined Jewish Appeal' will continue to appear, at least for this year, because of the name's wide recognition, but eventually, Stein says, the fundraising drive will be simply referred to as "the campaign of Federation CJA."

Another impetus was to reinforce the linkage between the federation and the CJA in the minds of community members. Talk about a name change grew serious after a Goldfarb poll commissioned by AJCS three years ago showed that it was unclear to many people that the money they give to CJA benefits in part many of the AJCS constituent agencies.

Moreover, Stein says the new name signals a fresh start for the Montreal Jewish community and its intention to remain firmly entrenched in Quebec.

Not everyone is keen on the name change. Manny Batshaw, who was AJCS's chief professional from 1968-80 and is now an assistant to Charles Bronfman, is one.

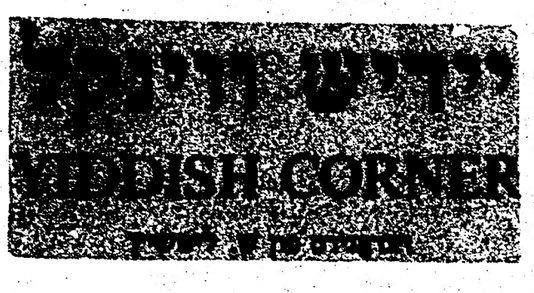
"I don't know whether it's tradition or an emotional attachment, but I regret seeing the disappearance of AJCS as the name. I think the name had developed a considerable positive image about the unity of the Jewish community and its community services."

He says he is surprised that the words 'Jewish' or 'Montreal' are absent. As for the name's workability in English and French, Batshaw says that may have some merit.

However Batshaw says he is "sure Federation CJA will in time come to mean the same as AJCS has."

Salomon Oziel, immediate past president of the Communaute Sepharade du Quebec (a federation constituent agency) and president of Sepharade 92, was less temperate.

He calls the name "meaningless" and "stupid"; 'Montreal' and 'Jewish' would have fostered a greater sense of identification with the name. He sees no reason for avoiding English and French versions of a new name. Certainly he as a francophone Sephardi leader, has no objections.



שבועות, יום־טוב פון פרילינג און באַנייאונג

פון מאַניע ליפשיץ

דער אורשפרונג פון יידישע יום־טובים איז פאַרבאָרגן אין דער וייטער אַלטערטימלעכקייט פון דער יידישער געשיכטע. צום אָנהויב זיינען זיי, אין מערסטן טייל, געווען נאַטור יום־טובים. אַ סך פון די יום־טובים זיינען באַווירקט געוואָרן פון מנהגים פון פאַרשיידענע שבטים און פעלקער. מיט וועלכע יידן זיינען געקומען אין באַרירונג — מנהגים טיילווייז איבערגענומען און אַרייַנגעפלאָכטן אין זייער אייגענעם לעבנס־שטייגער.

די נאַטור יום־טובים, וועלכע זיינען געווען אַ רעזולטאַט פון אַ מער פרימיטיוון אופן פון עקאָנאָמישן לעבן, האָבן אין די שפעטערע צייטן, ווען די געזעלשאַפט איז געוואָרן מער אָנטוויקלט און די מענטשלעכע צווישן־באַציאונגען מער קאָמפּלי־צירט, אויך באַקומען אַנדערע אויסטייטשונגען, ווי עטיש־רעליגיעזע, געשיכטלעכע, א.אַ.וו. עס זיינען אָבער נישט פאַרשוווונדן די שפורן פון דער נאָענטער באַציאונג פון מענטש און נאַטור, און זייער דאַנק־באַרקייט צו גאָט און צו דער ערד, וואָס באַשפּייזט אַלע לעבעדיקע באַשעפענישן.

שבועות האָט גאָנץ באַשטימט אויפגעהאַלטן דעם אַגריקולטורעלן כאַראַקטער פון דער צייט, ווען יידן האָבן זיך שוין באַזעצט אין כנען און זיינען פון וואַנדערנדיקע פאַסטוכער געוואָרן ערד־אַרבעטער.

שבועות מיינט וואָכן. עס פאַלט אויס זיבן וואָכן נאָך פסח, דעם זעקסטן טאָג פון יידישן חודש סיון, אָדער צווישן מאַי און אָנהויב יוני פון אַלגעמיינעם קאַלענדאַר. דאָס איז די שענסטע צייט פון יאָר — פרילינג, ווען די גאַנצע נאַטור פוצט זיך אויס אין פרישן גרינס און יונגע בלומען.

די זיבן וואָכן האָט מען געציילט פון אָנהויב פסח ביז שבועות, פון דער צייט ווען מען האָט געבראַכט אין בית המקדש דעם עומר — אַ מאָס פון די ערשטע אָפּגעשניטענע גערשטן, ווי אַן אָפּפער צו גאָט — ביז דאָס איינזאַמלען דעם געשניטענעם ווייץ. פון די ערשטע וויץ האָט מען געבאַקן צוויי ברויט און עס אויך געבראַכט אין בית המקדש אַלס דאַנקבאַרקייט פאַר דער גערעטעניש. דער יום־טוב הייסט אויך חג הקציר און אויך חג הבכורים, דער יום־טוב פון שניט און פון די ערשטע זאַנגען, וואָס ווערן געגעבן ווי אַן אָפּפער.

שבועות איז פריער געווען באַטראַכט צווישן די קלענערע יום־טובים. שפּעטער — מען ווייסט נישט גענוי אין וועלכן פעריאָד, (מען איז זיך משער, אַז דאָס איז געווען אין דער צייט פון צווייטן בית המקדש, ווייל אין די אַלטע יידישע ספרים איז נישט דערמאָנט מתן תורה אין דער צייט) — איז צוגעקומען די אויסטייטשונג פון זמן מתן תורה, דאָס באַקומען די 10 געבאָטן ביים באַרג סיני. צוליב דער וויכטיקער ראָל, וואָס די תורה האָט געשפּילט אין דעם גייסטיקן און פיזישן קיום פון יידישן פאָלק אין דער דיאַספּאָרע, האָט שבועות באַקומען אַ סך אַ טיפערע באַדייטונג. עס איז פאַרוואַנדלט געוואָרן אין אַ יום־טוב, וואָס איז נישט אַזוי פאַרבונדן מיט אַגריקולטור, ווי מיט די גייסטיקע אוצרות, וואָס דאָס יידישע פאָלק פאַרמאָגט.

שבועות איז אויך פאַרבונדן מיט שיינע מנהגים. דאָס הויז ווערט אויסגעפוצט מיט גרינס און בלומען, אַזוי אויך די שול ווו יידן דאַוונען. דעם ערשטן טאָג ווערט געלייענט „אקדמות", אַ לויב־נעזאַנג צו דער שיינקייט פון דער נאַטור און גאָט'ס באַשאַף.

אויך ווערט געלייענט דאָס שיינע בוך רות. עס דערציילט זיך דאָרט, ווי די יידישע פרוי נעמי, אַן אלמנה, האָט פאַרלוירן אירע צווי זין, ווען זיינען געווען פאַרהיראַט צו טעכטער פון לאַנד מואב, ווו זיי האָבן געווויינט. נעמי גייט צוריק קיין יהודה. זי בעט אירע שנירן ניט נאָכגיין איר אין איר טרויער אין אַ פרעמד לאַנד. איינע בלייבט אין מואב, אָבער רות וויל ניט פאַרלאָזן איר שוויגער. „דיין גאָט ווערט זיין מיין גאָט און דיין לאַנד ווערט אויך זיין מיין לאַנד", זאָגט זי. עס איז די צייט פון ערשטן שניט פון די גערשטן. רות העלפט איינזאַמלען דאָס גערעטעניש אויפן פעלד פון רייכן גיט־באַזיצער בועז. בועז פאַרליבט זיך אין רות און זיי האָבן חתונה. עס ווערט דערציילט, אַז פון זייערע קינדס־קינדער איז אַרויס־געקומען דוד המלך.

עס איז אַ שיינער און פרייליכער יום־טוב. עס איז פרילינג, די שענסטע צייט פון יאָר, ווען די גאַנצע נאַטור וואַכט אויף מיט איר די האָפענונגען פאַר אַ שיין און פרידלעך לעבן.

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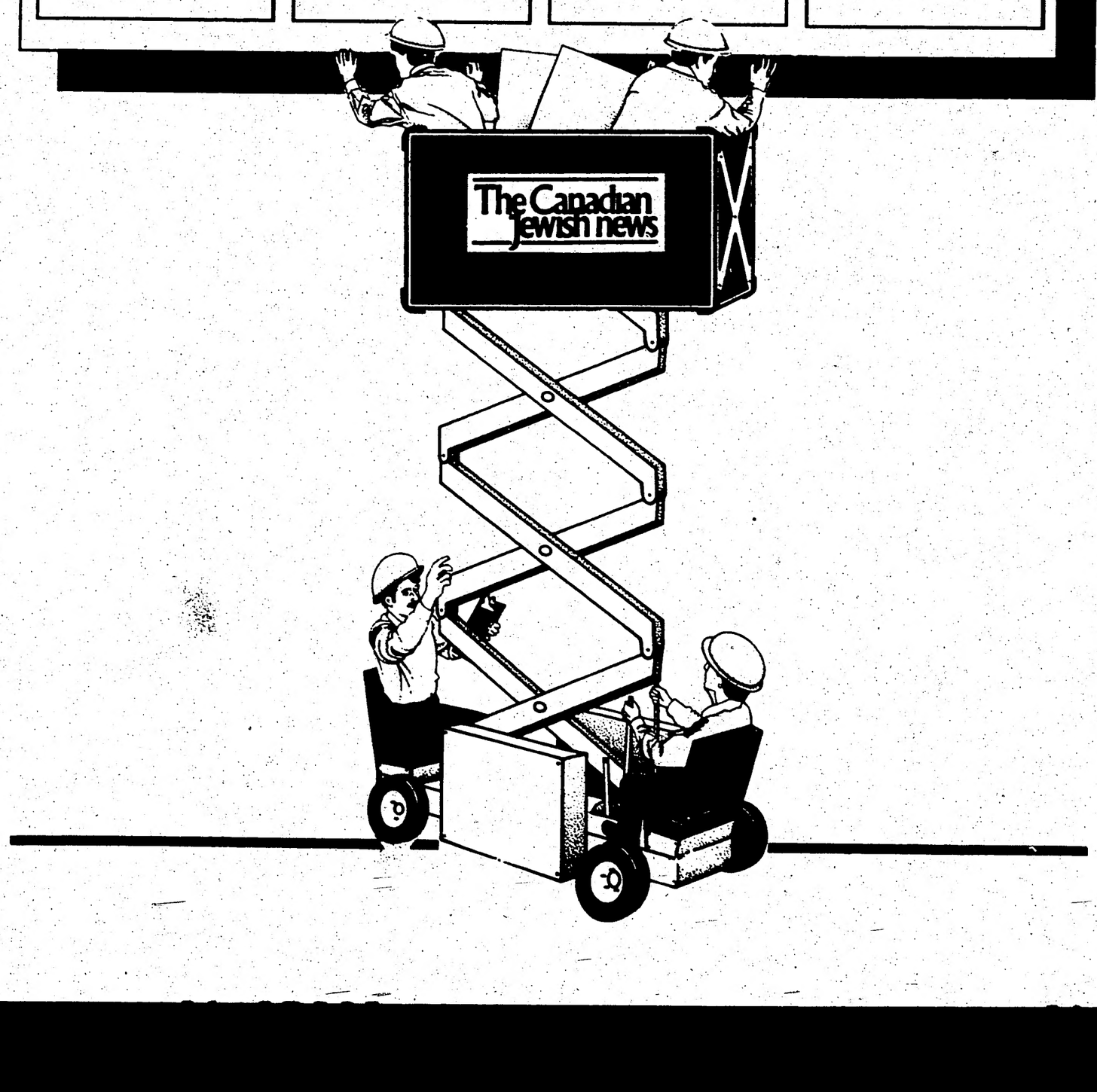


World

Israel planning to upgrade diplomatic ties with Austria

JERUSALEM —

With the retirement of Kurt Waldheim as Austria's president, Israel will shortly end its six-year protest and upgrade its diplomatic relations with Vienna to full ambassadorial status, according to senior Israeli diplomats.

Austria's counterpart in Israel, Kurt Hengl, said last week that his country would also restore full ties once Israel makes the first move.

Conservative Thomas Klestil, a veteran diplomat, was elected May 24 as Austria's new president in a second round of balloting. He is expected to take office July 8.

"We want to return our relations with Austria to where they were before Waldheim came to power," a senior Israeli diplomat said. "When his sucessor takes over in July, we will want our new ambassador to immediately present his credentials. We won't do it before then, because we don't want to present our accreditation to Waldheim."

Israeli officials say it is likely that the new Israeli ambassador to Vienna will be Peter Haran, the current charge d'affaires there.

"We have been expecting this," Hengl said. "After Israel acts, we will do the same. It will give a boost to our relations."

After Otto Pleinert, Austria's last ambassador, completed his tour of duty in 1990, Vienna downgraded its diplomatic representation as a counter-protest to Israel's move four years earlier.

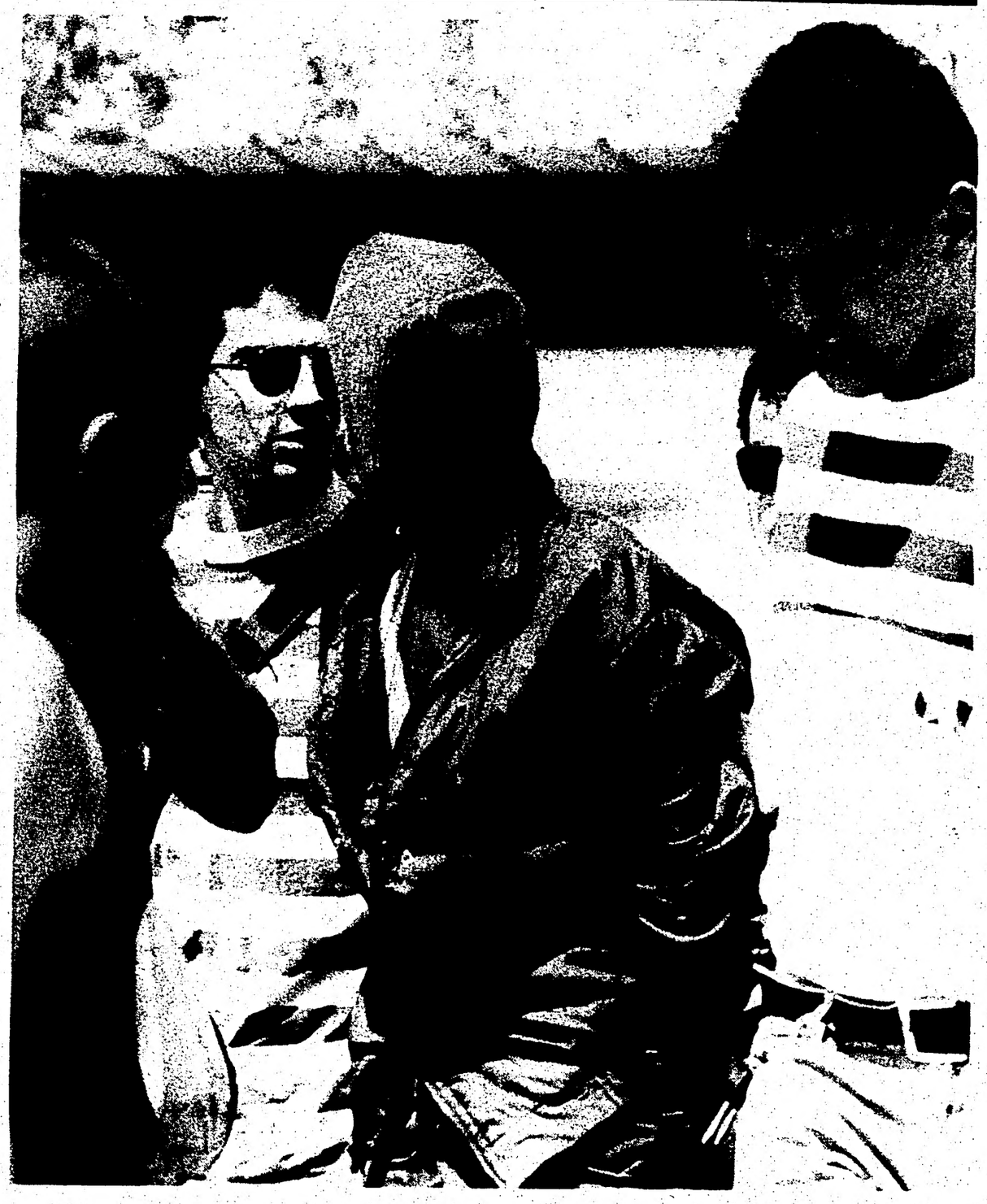
A former secretary-general of the United Nations, Waldheim's 1986 election victory made his country the target of an international boycott to protest charges that he was involved in or concealed war crimes while serving as an intelligence officer in the Balkans during World War II. In 1987, the U.S. Justice Department put Waldheim on the watch list for undesirable aliens, thereby barring his entry in the United States.

With the restoration of diplomatic ties between Israel and Austria, a chapter will close that began with the election of Waldheim six years ago.

Hengl said he wanted to concentrate on the future of Austrian-Israeli co-operation and not the troubled past of bilateral ties.

"We have to make up for lost time," he said. "The strain in our relations did not just begin with Waldheim. The misunderstanding between our two countries began during the leadership of [Bruno] Kriesky," when Israel saw Austria as leaning towards the PLO.

"I think tourism will increase, as will trade and exchange programs. We are already helping Israel join EFTA (European Free Trade Association, a collection of non-European Community countries in Europe)."



Plainclothes policemen lead away Fuad Abdul Atti Amran who stabbed to death Bat Yam schoolgirl Helena Rapp on May 24. (IPPA photo)

School funding issue in court

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In the 1987 Bill 30 case, where the High Court confirmed that there was no constitutional impediment to extending full funding through grades 11, 12 and 13 of Catholic schools, the court held that the Charter did not apply to the 1867 constitutional compromise that gave Catholic schools special rights in Ontario, government lawyers argued.

(In his response, Laskin argued that the SCC was not asked to decide the issues of religious freedom and equality advanced in this case.)

Referring to the religious freedom arguments, government legal documents state that no governmental obstacles are being placed in the way of parents' desires to educate their children in religious schools.

"Such parents cannot complain that their freedom of religion is infringed because the province does not subsidize their choice," the province argues.

Turning to the equality argument, government lawyers said that "the public school system does not discriminate on the basis of religion."

Since the SCC decided that funding for Catholic schools is not affected by the Charter, once that is removed from the analysis, "all religions in Ontario are treated equally," they argue.

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Terrorist frogmen kill watchman in Eilat

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Top Israeli officials are holding Jordan responsible for a terrorist infiltration over the weekend that claimed the life of an Israeli watchman and might have led to a bloodbath on the Eilat beach.

But such a disaster was averted when Israeli security forces gunned down two heavily armed terrorist frogmen after they swam ashore south of Eilat early Saturday morning and murdered the night watchman at a Hebrew University research facility.

Swam from Jordan

One of the killers was shot to death in an exchange of fire with police and Israel Defence Force soldiers shortly after the murder. The second was wounded and captured. Both apparently reached Israel by swimming from Aqaba in Jordan, less than four miles away.

Two other terrorists are believed to have drowned during the swim. All seem to have belonged to an extremist Muslim religious organization.

According to the IDF high command, the type and quantity of their weapons and equipment indicated that the infiltrators planned a large-scale massacre of Israeli and foreign vacationers on the beach at Eilat, one of Israel's major seaside resorts.

The murder victim was identified as Yosef Shirazi, 55, of Eilat. It was his second day on the job as night watchman at the Hebrew University's Marine Biology Research Institute, just south of Eilat. According to the security service contractor that hired him, the job did not require him to be armed.

Shirazi was patrolling the institute grounds near Coral Beach, on the road from Eilat to the Egyptian border outpost at Taba, when he was shot to death at about 7 a.m. local time.

His assailants had changed from their scuba gear into track suits under which they wore bullet-proof vests.

The suits were designed to carry a large selection of arms, which included two Kalachnikov assault rifles with many rounds of ammunition, about 40 hand grenades and an LAW shoulder-mounted missile launcher.

In addition, a copy of the Koran was packed in the water-tight weapons containers that the invaders are believed to have pushed ahead of them in their swim.

Defence Minister Moshe Arens and Benjamin Netanyahu, a deputy minister in the Prime Minister's Office, held the Jordanian authorities responsible for the attack. They said the assailants carried weapons in use in the Jordanian army.

But Jordan denied responsibility or any connection with the incident Sunday. An official spokesman declared that Israel had no proof the infiltrators came from Jordan. He suggested they might have crossed the Sinai border from Egypt or come from "another country bordering on the Gulf."

The only other country is Saudi Arabia.

After first reports of the incident, top IDF brass flew to Eilat. They included the chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Ehud Barak; the commander of the southern region, Maj. Gen. Matan Vilnay; and the commanding officer of the Israeli navy, Micha Ram. They praised the prompt reaction of the IDF and local police and agreed that a major tragedy had been averted.

The shot that killed the watchman was heard by a passing taxi driver, who told his dispatcher by car phone to send the police.

The police arrived in minutes. They were told by four Israelis who had been sleeping on the beach that they had seen two men with rifles crossing the road and making for an IDF post in the overlooking hills.

The police, joined by soldiers, quickly tracked the gunmen and subdued them after a brief exchange of fire.

Guests kept indoors

Eilat was closed to visitors for several hours after the attack while police and troops searched the area to make sure no other infiltrators had penetrated.

Hotels were instructed to keep their guests indoors until the all-clear was given. While local residents seemed tense Sunday morning, foreign visitors swam and sunbathed as usual.

Few yachts put to sea from the Eilat marina Sunday, mainly because a strong northerly wind began blowing Saturday night. Had it started blowing 24 hours earlier, the terrorists would have been washed ashore far to the south, in Sinai, local yachtsmen said.

The News in Brief

Philip Habib dies

WASHINGTON — Philip Habib, who was President Ronald Reagan's special envoy to the Middle East in the early 1980s, died May 25 while on a private visit to France. Habib, who was 72, suffered a heart attack.

A career diplomat who retired in 1980 as undersecretary of state for political affairs because of a history of heart attacks, Habib was sent by Reagan as a special emissary to the Middle East in 1981 to try to lessen the growing tension then along the Lebanese-Israeli border.

Habib helped bring about an unofficial cease-fire between Israel and the Palestinian terrorists shelling Israel from across the Lebanese border.

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Aliyah remains down

JERUSALEM — Israel is resigned to diminished aliyah from the former Soviet Union at the present time.

Although the Jewish Agency will continue to try to increase the number of immigrants, it has learned to live with the fact that for the time being, many Jews in the former Soviet republics have decided to stay put, Simcha Dinitz told the World Zionist Organization Executive at its weekly session here Tuesday.

Dinitz, who chairs the WZO and Jewish Agency Executives, said that in light of the situation, efforts will continue to be made to improve the quality of Jewish education in the republics.

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Israel gets nod on jewels

TEL AVIV — The Russian Parliament has decreed that Israel will be the first foreign country to display the crown jewels of the czar and other priceless Romanov gems, which will be exhibited worldwide for the first time, starting here in December.

Moshe Schnitzer, president of the Israel Diamond Exchange, said Israel was chosen as a gesture of good will and because Russia is determined to forge good trade and economic relations with the Jewish state.

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No deal on hospice

JERUSALEM — The Greek Orthodox Church will never give up its battle for St. John's Hospice, the Greek patriarch said in response to reports the church is considering selling the disputed building.

"It would be like asking Jews to give up a building by the Western Wall," said Patriarch Diodoros I, referring to the hospice's proximity to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

Hearings on the disputed building, now occupied by the Ateret Cohanim yeshiva, are scheduled to start next month in Jerusalem Magistrates Court.

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Arab saves Jews

JERUSALEM — A Gazan farmer saved the lives of a Jewish vegetable merchant and his wife when the two were attacked by three heavily armed terrorists. The couple were buying produce in the farmer's greenhouse in the Gaza Strip.

When the terrorists attacked, the Arab merchant, Hani Abdel-Latif, 30, pushed Gouatra's wife into his house, while he stood between Gouatra and the terrorists, sustaining knife wounds in his shoulder.

Gouatra told Itim that the attackers' Kalachnikov appeared to jam, but that Abdel-Latif saved the lives of himself and his wife.

Abdel-Latif's family said Hani's action was natural, because Islam requires a man to protect his guests.

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Herzog slams rioters

JERUSALEM — President Chaim Herzog condemned Bat Yam rioters who screamed "Death to Arabs" in protests following the stabbing murder there of Helena Rapp, 15, by a Palestinian terrorist.

"It is inconceivable that we hear in our streets 'Death to Arabs,' which then can quickly become 'Death to the Police.' Who knows whom they will wish death upon next?" Herzog remarked.

"We must watch ourselves," said Herzog, "so we do not deteriorate to the level of our enemies." Those who take the law into their own hands, whether in Bat Yam or the Gaza Strip, play into the hands of Israel's enemies, said the president.

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Broadcasters end visit

JERUSALEM — Leading U.S. Christian broadcasters ended an eight-day visit by meeting with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who invited the National Religious Broadcasters Association to hold its annual convention in Jerusalem in 1996, the 3,000th anniversary of the ascension of King David.

Earlier, the broadcasters heard entertainer Pat Boone appeal to American Christians to visit Israel. The NRB represents more than 1,000 avangelical radio and television stations in the United States.

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Rabbi supports action

JERUSALEM — Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapira has ruled that the 40-year-old haredi mother of eight, who shielded from a Jerusalem mob the Arab terrorist who stabbed two youths acted correctly from the point of view of halacha (Jewish law).

Shapira stated that "as long as the terrorist has not been apprehended and there is any danger that he can still hurt people, it is a religious obligation to prevent him from harming anyone. However, from the moment he is apprehended and there is no danger that he can harm anyone, it is forbidden to do anything to hurt him."

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Reduce Olympic athletes

JERUSALEM — Due to a severe accommodation problem at the Barcelona Olympic Village, the games' organizers have appealed to the Israelis, among other countries, to trim their delegations.

Even though Israel had intended to send between 30 and 40 athletes with an additional 20 coaches and officials, the organizers have asked them to keep the number down to 20, the same as in Seoul 1988.

Israel, however, showed its determination to send every sportsperson who can attain the minimum qualifying standard.

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Weizmann cancer drug tested

TEL AVIV — A drug with a promising application for cancer therapy developed at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot is undergoing clinical tests at medical centers in the United States and Switzerland, the Weizmann Institute reported.

Tests on animals showed it effective in preventing the development of tumors with a high rate of metastasis, or spread.

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House master indicted

BEERSHEBA — The house master of an Ashkelon yeshiva was indicted in the Beersheba District Court on charges of committing sodomy and other sexual crimes on four of his pupils. The court allowed the charges to be published last week.

The accused was employed as a live-in house master at a small yeshiva in Ashkelon.

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Hadassah hosts Chinese

JERUSALEM — A five-member official delegation from Zhindao, a Chinese medical school, arrived in Israel for a 10-day visit as guests of the Hebrew University Hadassah School of Medicine.

Eighteen young Chinese doctors and researchers from Zhindao have taken courses at the Jerusalem medical school since a co-operation agreement between the two medical schools was signed two years ago.

Besides exchange visits — whereupon Israeli physicians will study popular Chinese medical techniques — the two sides plan joint research projects.

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Soldier killed

TEL AVIV — An Israel Defence Forces soldier was killed and two others were wounded when their convoy was ambushed in the southern Lebanon security zone last week.

The ambush occurred near Arnoun village on the northern edge of the zone, not far from the Israeli town of Metulla in Upper Galilee.

Two groups have claimed credit for the ambush. One is the Syrian Nationalist Party, a militia of pro-Syrian Palestinian socialists. The other is George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

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Monument unveiled

AMSTERDAM — A monument to the 25,000 residents of The Hague who died during the Nazi occupation of Holland was unveiled in Amsterdam last week.

Consisting of four tall columns, it is the work of a Jewish sculptor, Apdrielsma, and is located between the Peace Palace and the former Jewish cemetery.

About 18,000 of the dead died because they were Jews. The rest lost their lives as resistance fighters or were killed in an Allied air raid.

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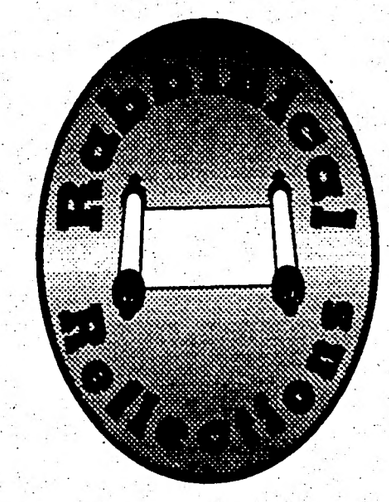


By Rabbi AARON LEVINE

Every Yom Tov has its specific symbol(s). Pesach has matzah; Sukkot — the sukkah, lulav and etrog; Chanukah — the menorah; Purim — Megillat Esther; Rosh Hashanah — the shofar, etc. Amazingly, Shavuot has no special symbol. But the reason is obvious. The symbol of Shavuot is the Torah, and the Torah is the basis for every and all other symbols of Jewish life.

I have written often that Jewish holidays are not mere nostalgic reminders that commemorate past historic events. Annually, as each Yom Tov arrives again, if we raise our spiritual antennas, we can once again be attuned to the new rays and sounds that emanate from God as they did once before. And on Shavuot we are treated again to special Torah knowledge and awareness as it once emanated from Sinai. Each day in our davening we say v'talmud Torah k'neged kulam — that study of Torah comes before all other mitzvahs. For lo am ha'aretz chasid, one ignorant of Torah cannot be pious.

Every machine that one purchases today comes with its own manual. We often jest that when you buy some of the sophisticated toys that are on the market today, you need an engineering degree just to be able to read the instructions for putting the toy together and getting it to work. I am presently typing this article on my wordperfect computer program. The manual in front of me which helps me use this program is *only* 987 pages long! Almost no manufacturer in the world would dare to produce anything without offering some directions for use of the product.

Isn't it preposterous then to think that the Almighty would create His unbelievable world which includes all creatures and creations, without letting us have a manual instructing us how to use it? That manual is the Torah. As the Zohar tells us, Torah is the blueprint of the world from which the Almighty created the universe. That is why Torah study is so paramount. For without it we cannot begin to comprehend what the world is all about, why we human beings are here on earth, what we are to accomplish with the life God has granted to us, and how we are to return the soul which He breathed into us when we were created.

The scene at the Kotel during the traditional blessing of the cohanim.

What is the magic key that one should obtain to be able to unlock the doors of Torah study? The Mishna (Avot 6:6) actually enumerates 48 steps that one must take to be a master of Torah study. But one of the most important is the quality of humility. So many of our teachings allude to this prerequisite of Torah study.

In this vein, the Mishna in Pirkei Avot answers to the question that it poses, "Who is a wise man?" An answer that may be different from what we may consider a wise man to be. We would probably answer that a wise man is one who has mastered a tremendous amount of knowledge. But the Mishna knows that there is so much knowledge to be learned about so many subjects that it is humanly impossible for one man to be an expert in more than one field. Medicine, law, accounting, engineering, architecture, computers, writing, painting, languages, teaching, building, sculpture, music; on and on we can enumerate the hundreds and perhaps thousands of different fields, endeavors, and occupations. Today everything is becoming so specialized. Before you go to an ENT (ear, nose and throat) specialist you have to find out whether your problem is in the right or left nostril and in which nostril he specializes. A brilliant doctor is an expert in his particular narrow part of the body. He is ignorant, in many respects, even in his own field of medicine, certainly so of other disciplines.

And so our Mishna answers to the question of who is a wise man, "one who learns from all other men." It is the man who realizes that the more he learns and knows, the more he has to learn and the more he does not know — that's a wise man. That's why, specifically when referring to a Torah sage, we do not call him a chacham, a wise man, but rather a talmid chacham, a student of the wise. For learning is a life-long process; it never ends. And if it is true with all knowledge, it most certainly is true of God's divine Torah, the blueprint of the entire universe.

If the Torah is so vast, and if learning it is harder than mastering anything else, then perhaps one might say, "It's too difficult for me; I may as well not begin." The Midrash, in fact, records such an attitude, which might be said of any endeavor that is long and arduous. But the Midrash says that only a fool will give up before he begins. The wise man says, "Today I will learn a little, tomorrow a little more, the next day a little more. And slowly, methodically, patiently, the wise man adds to his store of knowledge, day by day, little by little, until he has acquired a veritable storehouse of treasured knowledge.

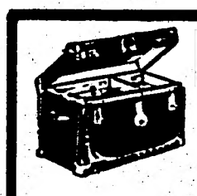
But as with all knowledge, and certainly with Torah knowledge, there is one other important dimension that is paramount besides the desire, the patience, and the effort that one is willing to invest to acquire that knowledge. The dimension of prayer.

In our daily davening in the Shmone Esrei we pray: "You graciously endow man with wisdom and teach insight to a frail mortal. Please endow us graciously from Yourself — wisdom, insight, and discernment. Blessed are You, Hasham, gracious Giver of wisdom.

In our world there is an expression "killing time." We often are so bored, we have so much time, we just want to while away the time. The Torah Jew has another expression — bittul Torah, wasting precious time which could be used for Torah study. There is no time to waste, no free time to idle away. Life is short, the work is great, the workers are lazy, but the reward is truly great!

Let's start learning Torah on this Shavuot with greater zeal, greater desire, greater humility, and with the fervent hope and prayer that we shall be favored from on High with the keys to unlock much of our sacred Torah's treasures!

Good Yom Tov.



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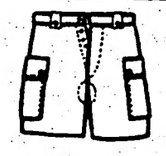

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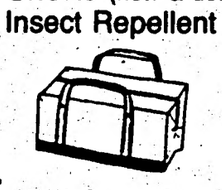

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Fight between Israeli parties becoming more vulgar

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

There was only one surprise when the Electoral Commission concluded the registration of the 30 lists that will compete on June 23. The Ashkenazi Haredim guided by Rabbi Shach of B'nei Brak, had produced a last minute real coup. They incorporated into the recently born electoral union of Aguda and Degel Hatora, Rabbi Itzhak Peretz, the Minister for Absorption, the former leader and then defector from the Sephardi Shass party.

That party, now dented, but still patronized by the former Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, once Rabbi Shach's obedient ally, is headed by the Minister for Interior Arie Der'i who, incidentially, is under slowed-down police investigation for alleged financial irregularities.

This change in the Oriental-Haredi landscape will force the Shass party to wage an aggressive campaign against the Ashkenazi attempt to dominate the Haredi front. The overall potential, as well as the internal cohesion of the Haredi parties, which could affect the composition of the next government, will only become clear during post-electoral bargaining.

It can be assumed, that while most Haredi leaders would feel more comfortable with Likud, they will not refuse, if need be, to compromise with Labor should that party be more successful. The Haredi institutions are overextended, need more and more funds and will not be too choosy on ideological grounds.

While the parties right of Likud are in disarray and those left of Labor disoriented, the competition between Labor and Likud for the soul of the average voter is gathering volume and gets more vulgar by the day. Likud looks insecure and, according to some political commentators, even panicky. This is the result of several surveys which forecast a sizeable desertion of followers.

But surveys can be misleading. Labor is incredulous, remembers bitter precedents and combats excessive euphoria. The struggle between the two parties has become so personalized that Labor strategists have recently decided to even more exploit what appears to be their strongest asset, Rabin's popularity.

Yeshayahu Anug

They thought fit to add his name to that of the party's even on the ballot-slip. This smacks of personality cult and was much resented, but then swallowed by the Peres camp. Maybe the ulterior purpose of this idea was to force Likud to risk to do the same with Shamir's less attractive personal appeal.

The Likud propagandists have decided to demolish Rabin's prestige, to dwell on his alleged drinking habits, on his 24-hour nervous breakdown two weeks before the Six Day War, when he was chief of staff, as well as to disturb his rallies. Labor has learnt to hit back. The public started resenting such methods of persuasion. Verbal abuse has become customary, but has so far not degenerated into meaningful physical violence.

The most tireless activist of the Likud is Ariel Sharon, but he is accident-prone and his fireworks have still to prove effective. Ministers Arens and Levi are on the sidelines, because of the looming rivalry between them which, according to their supporters, Shamir has handled improperly. Shamir himself tries hard to take an active part in the campaign but the campaign managers don't like his over-exposure. It is Shamir's last campaign and he knows that a defeat will mean earlier retirement.

In both parties aging leaders share similar fears. The younger politicians are not only praying for victory, but also for one which will open the roads to succession. If one looks dispassionately at this sleepy campaign the big issues, which are waiting to be rescued from neglect, are at best blurred and misrepresented.

The economy needs courageous decisions, jobs for the unemployed must be created, immigrants have to be absorbed and more to be encouraged to come. Labor prefers to concentrate on these issues, rather than to clarify its position on the delicate issue of the peace process or on the related problems of Israeli-Palestinian coexistence in either form.

Likud has little to say on the socio-economic issues but would like to be believed, that its devotion to the brand of peace the party favors is active and even successful. However underestimated by most politicians, the public instinctively feels that neither party has got all the answers and that the issues will resurface shortly after the elections.

The popular interest in this strange campaign is so far minimal and when for the next three weeks national TV will give each registered party time to tell the public why it thinks it deserves its support, all parties fear that many viewers will switch channels and watch cable television instead.

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Some short-lived excitement was recently provided by a clumsy mistake made by the U.S. State Department. Against the background of Israel's controversial boycott of the multilateral meeting in Ottawa on refugees, the U.S. spokeswoman half-heartedly consented to say that her government still supports UN resolution 194.

That resolution said in one of its very many paragraphs, that "... refugees wishing to return to their homes and live in peace with their neighbors should be permitted to do so at the earliest practicable date" (the resolution was passed in December 1948 —Y.A.) ... "and that compensation should be paid for the property of those choosing not to return."

The statement was enthusiastically applauded by hopeful Arabs and harshly condemned by irritable Israelis. Both sides were exaggerating and, in fact, when the Americans, belatedly aware of what they had provoked, climbed down, both sides were left deflated. Everyone knows that this obsolete resolution has no bearing whatsoever on the present negotiations, but also that a double refugee problem exists and that one day it will have to be solved by negotiations on compensations for both Arab and Jewish refugees. None of these will "return" to where they came from. But for a short while, the American comment seemed to have heated up the electoral campaign.

It found some people here who, for electoral reasons, were eager to exploit the danger to which the wicked Americans were again exposing Israel and others, who for similar reasons, did not deem fit to challenge this alarmist view. But the non-event died peacefully and left the Israeli parties free again to deal with their familiar animosities rather than with the more embarrassing real issues of the day.

New immigrants may determine outcome of election

By HUGH ORGEL

The outcome of Israel's June 23 elections will likely be determined by the votes cast by recent immigrants from the former Soviet Union, since veteran Israelis are expected to vote much as they did in 1988.

But according to a leading Israeli pollster, the strictly Orthodox parties are likely to retain the balance of power when it comes to forming a new government.

The result of the elections will be a hung parliament, according to Dr. Aharon Fein, director of the Tazpit Research Institute, who gave an election briefing for foreign correspondents arranged by the Government Press Office.

Fein, an expert on the voting patterns of emigres from the newly independent republics of the former Soviet Union, said that for the past two years his institution has done almost monthly surveys among the newcomers.

The recent immigrants, who have increased Israel's population by about seven percent, are overwhelmingly secular, tend to be highly educated and generally identify themselves with Israel's Ashkenazi population, Fein said.

That could spell trouble for the religious parties and for the Likud.

Likud's strongest support has always come from the Sephardi population, Jews whose origins are in North African or Middle Eastern countries.

Labor Partry supporters, on the other hand, come mainly from European backgrounds and tend to have higher levels of education than Likud followers.

A survey carried out last year right after the Persian Gulf War indicated that 46 percent of the immigrants supported the right wing, probably out of a sense of support for the government at a critical time.

General population surveys at that time also showed an upsurge of support for the establishment.

But subsequent surveys of new immigrants, taken in June and October 1991 and in January, March and April 1992, found a decrease in support for Likud and the right-wing parties, and conversely, a rise in support for Labor.

Fein attributed the rapid decline of support for the governing parties among olim to the fact that they are now facing harsh facts of life in Israel.

Some 240,000 immigrants from the former Soviet Union are eligible to vote out of an overall Israeli electorate of 3.4 million.

If the usual 80 percent turnout rate among veteran Israelis holds true for the immigrants, they are likely to decide the composition of 8.5 Knesset seats, Fein calculated.

The Tazpit director found little support among newcomers for the new, specifically Russian-based parties. About 10 to 11 percent said they would vote for these parties, but Fein does not expect them to surpass the 1.5 percent threshold parties need to win a Knesset seat.

About 42 percent of the immigrants said in the last week of April that they would vote for Labor; 14 percent for Likud; six percent for the left-wing Meretz bloc; and about six percent for the right-wing Moledet, Tsomet and Tehiya parties.

Only one percent said they would vote for the religious parties. And about 20 percent could not or would not disclose their voting plans.

Citing these preferences, Fein predicted that Labor would gain three or four Knesset seats from the new voters, while Likud would gain only one.

He predicted that Meretz would gain about one seat and the right-wing Moledet, Tehiya, and Tsomet parties would gain one among them.

"When we add the immigrant factor, we expect that Labor will get 43 seats; Likud, 37; the three small parties of the right, eight seats among them; Meretz, 11; the religious parties 16 and the Arab parties five," Fein said.

If he is correct, Labor and the left-wing bloc will gain 54 seats in the 120-member Knesset, while Likud and the right-wing bloc will gain 45 seats.

If Labor wins tacit support from the Arab parties but no support from the religious bloc, it would only be able to muster 59 votes, two less than a majority.

If, on the other hand, the religious parties support Likud, a Likud-led coalition, would hold a precarious majority of 61 in the 120-seat Knesset.

Shavuoth quiz may just help to educate our people

By ALLAN GOULD

As you know — or maybe you don't, which is part of my point today — one of the major holidays on the Jewish calendar is coming up shortly: Shavuot, when we received the Ten Commandments.

Thinking about this holiday (which is so central to our very existence, but which is probably not observed by large numbers of our people, who may not know much about our glorious heritage) made me think about just how difficult it is to be a Jew.

Really. You have to know so much! You have to study so hard! You have to be so aware! Not all religions demand such knowledge, which is one reason why it ain't so easy to be a Jew.

Which brings me to today's thought: How would one prepare a quiz about Judaism which might cover the vast array of awareness (and lack of awareness) which exists amongst our people! To write an exam about car safety, you can probably assume that the potential driver knows what a road is, and how to brake, and what the colors in the traffic light mean.

But it's not so easy with the Jews, who range in knowledge from the most scholarly rabbi or layperson, to the — well, I believe the French term for it is am ha-aretz.

So, in an attempt to bring our people together — To help create tikkun olam, if you wish, by healing the world of the Jews in their awareness/ignorance of our Faith, here is a special quiz in honor of Shavuot. Choose the section which applies most to you, based on your own personal background.

Allan Gould

And good luck. Which is something we Jews have always needed, or we never would have made it to this day.

Quiz in Honor of Shavuot — For *very* Knowledgeable Jews.

1. You stick a pin through Mishna Kadoshim, beginning on page 39b, fourth line down, nineteenth letter. Without looking, write down the very funny reference to present-day Los Angeles that appears through the next two dozen pages.

2. In Talmud Baba Batra, somewhere in the last 50 pages, there is a marvellous put-down of the Romans by a certain rabbi of great renown. Without looking, tell us what he said, to whom, and explain why the Romans decided to do such terrible things to him, just because of something he said.

3. Add up all the Hebrew birth — years of Rashi, Onkolos, Rambam and Shimshon Raphael Hirsch, and divide by the number of times a frumme Yid would normally visit the mikvah between Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan and Purim (when it lands in Adar Bet). Now, how does this number spell out a gematria that could well be interpreted as a call to prayer — but only amongst Sephardi Jews of the 13th century?

4. List the positive commandments of the Taryag, according to Rabbi Moshe ben Maimon's interpretation, which need only be fulfilled within the boundaries of the Biblical Palestine. If time: So, nu — why?

Shavuot Quiz For Not Very-Knowledgeable Jews.

1. The ——— Books of Moses. (Fill in the blank.)

2. A good friend calls you up and screams, "My daughter-in-law just gave birth to our first grandchild!! The bris is next Tuesday!" Why is it considered inappropriate to ask, at this particular moment, "Is it a girl or a boy??"

3. Abraham, ——— and Jacob. (Fill in the blank.)

4. That funny, flat stuff that we are supposed to eat on Passover is called, in Hebrew, ———.

5. Moses brought down the ——— Commandments. (And no, it was not "the ——— Suggestions.")

6. On Yom Kippur, we are not supposed to ——— Try to think of one thing. Please.

7. "Don't mix milk and ———!" (Fill in the blank.)

8. Finish this sentence: "It's hard to be a ———."

9. When someone close to you dies, you are supposed to tear your
   1) hair.
   2) clothes.
   3) Last Will and Testament.
   4) guts out.

10. In the Middle East, there is a State which is very important to the Jews, even if it isn't very important to President Bush. It's called ———.

See what I mean? There really is a wide disparity between what most Jews know. Choose the quiz which applies most to you, try your best to answer the questions, and mail them in to this newspaper. As if you don't have anything *better* to do with your time.

Of course, you could also study Torah. And Happy Shavuot, to one and all.

Allan Gould is the author of 16 books, including The Unorthodox Book of Jewish Records and Lists (humor), and What Did They Think Of The Jews? (a serious anthology of gentile comments through history). Gould had trouble with both tests, which is why he writes such different kinds of books.

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A tragic week

Last week's tragedies in Bat Yam and Gaza produced grief, fear and rage. The loss of a 15-year-old schoolgirl and a 32-year-old rabbi, the father of four, in terror attacks by young Gaza Palestinians was made even more traumatic because of the ugly images which filled television screens and newspaper pages around the world: Jews attacking Arabs; Jewish police and soldiers fighting Jews.

The people of Bat Yam had reason to grieve, to fear, and to be angry. They did not need the "comfort" offered by rival groups of Kach activists, who without compunction twisted emotions to their own ends and descended like ghouls on Helena Rapp's funeral, pushing and shoving other mourners at the cemetery gates. Nor did the people of Bat Yam need the roving gangs of Jewish hoodlums who, according to Israeli press accounts, were mainly responsible for the attacks on innocent Arabs and Jewish police.

What they did need was compassion and clear-headed leadership. By his ill-conceived comment that the captured murderer should have been shot, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir appeared to condone vigilantism — a position which no leader of a democracy under the rule of law can take. It was only after two full days of rioting that a member of the government —Justice Minister Dan Meridor — finally condemned the violence.

By then, Rabbi Shimon Biran of Kfar Darom in Gaza had been stabbed to death, and his fellow settlers, after attacking an Arab school where Grade 6 students were writing exams, had set fire to Arab crops and greenhouses. And in the streets of Bat Yam and Rishon Le-Zion, cries of "Death to the Arabs" became "Death to the police" who were trying to stop the mob.

Israeli frustration with the mounting death toll from both individual and organized terror attacks is understandable. Many of the people of Bat Yam come from Iraq, Lebanon and Syria, and harbor memories of other attacks in other places. What is not understandable is the failure of the political leadership to realize immediately that violence breeds violence, and to contain and condemn it, no matter what its cause. It would, for example, have been appropriate to remind an anguished population that two months ago, when a 19-year-old Bat Yam girl was killed in Jaffa, an Israeli Arab came to her rescue and died shielding her body from her attacker.

Israeli political leaders should pay heed to the words of President Chaim Herzog, who in his Friday message warned that those who take the law into their own hands, whether in Bat Yam or the Gaza Strip, play into the hands of Israel's enemies.

Saudi reforms

Two developments in Saudi Arabia are possible harbingers of a better future for the citizens of that desert kingdom and for the Middle East in general. An announcement about the creation, by King Fahd, of a Consultative Council in Saudi Arabia bespeaks the stirring of liberalization in an area of the Levant where the concept itself has generally been repudiated.

It is too soon to speak of democracy in the western sense of the word. The new 60-member council will be chosen by the king and while it will have consultative powers, it will not be able to override the cabinet or the king.

There is no gainsaying, however, that the impanelling of this new constituent body represents a quantum jump in power-sharing since the council might conceivably act as a counterbalance to King Fahd's autocratic rule.

Based on Koranic law, the new rules regulating the creation of the Consultative Council also guarantee Saudi citizens the right to privacy and protection from arbitrary interference in their private lives. This latter regulation is seen as a repudiation of Saudi Arabia's religious police.

Simultaneous with the liberalization decrees has come the announcement from Riyadh that wealthy Saudis will henceforth be discouraged from giving money to radical Islamic fundamentalist movements.

The Gulf War has shown the Saudis that their investment in such groups was repaid by open hostility and support for Saddam Hussein. The Saudi government itself is trying to set an example by suspending financial aid to the PLO, Jordan, the Sudan and Yemen.

The road to democracy is not easily travelled. There are many stops, detours and problems encountered in navigating it. These first steps in the right direction, being made by responsible authorities in Riyadh, are very important because democratic countries tend to solve their problems through debate and compromise.

After 70 years of autocractic government, the people of Saudi Arabia are beginning to receive the first fruits of liberalization. It is to be hoped that this trend continues throughout the Arab world. More democracy in that sector means greater chances for peace in the Middle East.

MUSLIM LEADER VISITS ISRAEL

Sheik Ishak Idris Sakhouta of the Cairo-based World Islamic League and Haifa Chief Rabbi Sha'ar Yishuv Cohen visit Ulpan Akiva in Netanyah. The ulpan, established in 1951 by Nobel Peace Prize nominee Shulamit Katzenelson, has taught Hebrew to students from 127 countries. There is also an Arabic program. [IPPA photo]

Letters to the Editor

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LET US DREAM

Ruth Wisse in her May 14 article, Coolness between the sexes may end our culture, obviously has not received a well-rounded education in Jewish dating in the '90s. As a 27-year-old single Jewish female, let me clarify.

Yes, dating in the '90s is tough work! Although the opportunity to date non-Jews will always exist, some of us are left who possess restraint, hope and perhaps integrity in resisting this temptation. Throw in feminism, neo-feminism, the never-ending battle of the sexes, the risk of AIDS, herpes or commitment, eager Jewish mamas on the side, plus the demands of our careers and maintaining our sanity through blind dates from hell — and you've got a pretty scary outlook!

Yet many singles, both female and male, still do believe in their dreams and do plow on. Believe it or not, Ms Wisse, my attitude towards dating is not indifferent and raising a Jewish family is a priority of mine. My dreams are held strongly by many others, too.

What Jewish singles need from commentators is support and a pat on the back, not fairy tale stories of "Boy meets shiksa and lives happily ever after."

Give credit where credit is due. Don't shoot down our dreams of meeting somebody of the opposite sex who *is* Jewish by warning us that the dream is a waste of time!

And if in your research you meet any nice Jewish boys . . .

Barb Wiseberg
Toronto

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NOT COOLED OFF

In response to Ruth Wisse's commentary (May 14), I would like to say that I am shocked that *The CJN* would print an article filled with such half-baked theories and generalizations about the Jewish people, particularly Jewish women.

As one of these women, I take great offence from the ugly, over-used stereotype of the Jewish women as "searching for themselves, looking not for a father for their children but for a surrogate daddy for themselves."

This statement is a perpetuation of the ugly JAP myth, which demeans *all* Jewish women by portraying them as selfish, demanding and bitter.

Any statement which characterizes an ethnic or racial group by a sweeping generalization is by its very nature prejudicial, or in this case, anti-Semitic.

If we as Jews are truly serious about erasing these myths, then surely we must begin with our own community.

I am none of these stereotypes; no friend of mine is. And while I will concede that the idealization of non-Jewish women continues to exist in the minds of some Jewish males, I am in no way "cooled off" by all Jewish men. In fact, I continue to be quite "hot."

Stephanie Ein
Montreal

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BLACKS AND JEWS

To Kyla Wazana (letter) and Elaine Kahn (May 21) I can only say they abuse our ethical concepts through ignorance of the heart of the problem between blacks and Jews.

On a percentage basis, Jews were the biggest contributors to the Martin Luther King fund.

As the creator of the Canadian Panel of Women, my black panelist's message to me was that they want equality with white Christians, not with Jews. The blacks know how white Christians feel about Jews, so why share our inequality?

They will accept our money and our support but I have not heard an outburst of appreciation.

To publish that youths wearing kippot looted stores is regrettable. Jews are not angels. Who did the physical damage? The Jewish youths should be punished and I'm sure they will. Who will teach black youths?

We have a need to be perfect as is commanded of us — a light unto the nations. But we are human and fall short.

The world has lost its sense of values while we struggle to live by them. Why do we have to be self-effacing? I see in it shades of the shtil philosophy.

To take this dilemma of ours a little further — Israeli hospitals need funding. I found their corridors crowded with Arabs. Should we not expect the bleeding hearts, who bleed only for Palestinians, to contribute to the cost of their treatment?

Perhaps we should publish the positive effect of Jewish contributions. Maybe we will reduce the amount of criticism by non-Jews as well as well-intentioned Jews.

Molly Posen
Toronto

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WANTS MORE ON VOTE

The Peace Now resolution debated by Congress was covered by Paul Lungen's report as "the most lively debate in an otherwise tame series of meetings" (*CJN*, May 28). The resolution was defeated 72 to 28 and readers would have liked to read a little more of the arguments that convinced the majority to defeat it.

Rabbi J. Spiro
Laval, Que.

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NO NEED FOR GAY SHUL

Your leading story Toronto to get gay shul (April 30) may enhance your chances to share space with other racy tabloids at supermarket checkouts but is of little interest to the broad spectrum of our Jewish community.

To add pain to injury, the item was featured the same week we read and studied the sedra of Achrai, in which is included the verse "Do not lie with a male as you would with a woman, since this is a disgusting perversion" (Leviticus 66:22)

Frankly, I am at a loss as to why they need to organize an independent service. While their sexual preference is strictly forbidden, they are still welcome to participate in all aspects of communal Jewish life. If indeed they are sincere in their desire to serve G-d, why flaunt their inadequacy? Would it make any sense to organize an independent service for the visually impaired, the deaf or paraplegics?

Joseph Green
Toronto

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CORRECTION

The editorial, Nazi prosecutions (*CJN*, May 21), begins its final paragraph with the sentence, "Why has Kim Campbell targeted 1944 as the co-ordinating date for prosecuting those responsible for unspeakable crimes." Of course, the date should have been 1994.

Opinion

Pirke Avot gems for the summer of '92

By J. B. SALSBERG

Long-time readers of this column know that every summer, and for many years, one or more columns are devoted to the presentation of extracts from the ever-fresh, bubbling, ethical wells as revealed in the beloved volume of Pirke Avot, the Sayings of the Fathers.

By way of introduction I should like to confess that the weekly reading (or study) of a portion of Pirke Avot awakens some of the sweetest memories of my very early youth in Lagov, the small, typical Polish-Yiddish shtetl where I was born and where I spent the first 10 years of my life.

Jews constituted the majority of the town's population. They filled the economic needs of the immediate region: they were the tailors, the shoemakers, the headgear producers, as well as the furniture makers, the harness makers, the blacksmiths, the horse-traders etc. In Lagov, market day was every Thursday and the farmers from the immediate area brought their produce to town on that day and purchased their needs for the farms.

But on Friday afternoon everything began to grind to a standstill. A young Jewish orphan-lad had the exclusive right to pace up and down the town square and shout, as loudly as he could: "In bod arein!" which means, come to the steam bath!

His call was promptly answered. Lagover men, often with a growing son or two in tow, with rolled-up, long undershirts under their arms, would hasten towards the Jewish community's steam bath where the ritual baths (the mikvah) were also located.

J.B. Salsberg

Somewhat later, Lagover elders, with beards still wet from mikvah water, would hasten to put on their (sometimes shredded) Shabbes "capote" (long, satin, outer garment) and hasten to the synagogue.

Ah, but Saturday afternoons, during summertime, were sheer delights for the Lagover Cheder boys!

The town was totally embraced in the arms of the "Sabbath Queen." Only rarely did one see a human being in the "mark," the market square. Jews were enjoying a "Sabbath nap" and grandmothers were reading the Biblical portion of the week from their "Tzene-Vereneh" which was a Yiddish translation of the weekly portion of the Bible.

We, the young "Cheder" boys, would gather in the homes of our respective teachers, to "learn" parts of the "Peirik" of the week. I was mesmerized by the Rebbe's adroitness in mixing vinegar and soda in a glass of water until it reached a stormy, foamy overflow, which he then drank to the last drop and which was followed by a loud and substantial belch . . .

Pity our North American Jewish youth never experienced such splendorous Sabbath afternoons in summer. (But, you can't have everything, can you?)

Well, my esteemed readers, I have, as I often do, wandered off the preconceived plan for this week's column and I promise to hand over the balance of our allotted space to the texts of our beloved summertime readings from Pirkei Avot, the book that is full of the ethical teaching of our fathers.

— "Jose, the son of Joezer, of Zeredah, said: Let thy house be a meeting-place for the wise; roll thyself in the dust of their feet; and drink their words with thirst."

— Jose, the son of Jahanan, of Jerusalem, said: "Let thy house be opened; let the poor be members of thy household, and engage not in much gossip with women." (I disassociate myself from Jose the son of Johanan's apparent anti-feminist views.)

— Shemaiah said: "Love labor, hate Lordship, and seek no intimacy with those in authority."

— Hillel said: "Separate not thyself from the community; trust not in thyself until the day of thy death; judge not thy fellow until though art come into his place; and say not anything which cannot be understood at once, in the hope that it will be understood in the end; neither say: When I have leisure I will study. Perchance thou wilt have no leisure."

— Rabban Johanan, the son of Zaccai, had five disciples and he said to them: "Go forth and see which is the good way to which a man should adhere. Rabbi Eliezer said: A good eye; Rabbi Joshua said: A good friend; Rabbi Jose said: A good neighbor; Rabbi Simon said: One who foresees what is yet to happen; Rabbi Eleazar said: A good heart.

To which Ben Zaccai replied: "I approve the words of Eleazar, the son of Arak, rather than your words, for in his words yours are included."

Sorry, my friends, but as happens to me frequently, I'm running out of space and I haven't even touched the meaningful thoughts and observations of our present-day Jewish sages which I usually do. So we will turn to them, hopefully, next week.

I hope that you will join me then.

A retrospective look at a successful plenary

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Now that the 23rd triennial assembly of Canadian Jewish Congress ("The Plenary") is over it deserves a brief retrospective appraisal. For the meetings brought together not only outstanding public figures from Canada, Israel and the United States, but — even more important, I think — a collection of the best Jewish minds in Canada.

The good news is that we have lots of them, the bad news is that they are not used to full extent in the daily life of our national community.

Perhaps this observation is best capsulated by the persona of the new president, Irving Abella. He is the second university professor to head Canadian Jewish Congress (Irwin Cotler was the first), and I consider the elevation of an academic to the most important communal and political post of Canadian Jewry to be a very hopeful symbol indeed.

Not only does the community show good sense by selecting such men, but it is also a sign that Jewish academicians who only a couple of decades ago were almost totally separated from the concerns of the community, have now obtained a new sense of their identity and are thereby making an enormous impact on the community in which they live.

Rabbi Plaut

The recent inauguration of the Centre of Jewish Studies at York University in Toronto is the latest welcome occurrence in this respect.

Plenaries always suffer from overprogramming. Perhaps that is unavoidable, because so many interests compete for a place on the schedule. We meet only every three years and we have a multitude of concerns which those who are seized by them consider enormously important. They want to be heard, and they should be. So we wandered from one group to the other, from early morning till late at night, and the 900 delegates and observers filled the rooms and were courteous in their listening and vigorous in their participation.

A large group of volunteers helped the convention to run smoothly — a superb job supervised by Carol Kassel, who chaired the convention, Sandra Brown and Irving Abella were the program chairmen, and outgoing president Les Scheininger a constant presence.

We considered the future of North American Jewry, Canadian foreign policy, the impact of the recent aliyah to Israel, Canadian unity, anti-Semitism, human rights, and needs of our youth. We had a Shabbat of Torah sessions, discussions concerning the status of women, cults and missionaries, Yiddish, the problem of small communities and of oppressed Jewries, a moving Plenary dealing especially with Syrian Jews, forums on such issues as racism, war criminals, and other subjects too numerous to list here.

The closing luncheon brought the public interest together with Jewish concerns. Irving Abella spoke of his vision for Canada and Premier Bob Rae of Ontario of his own involvement with our community. "Assimilation," he said, much to the appreciation of the audience, "works in reverse in some families" — alluding to the fact that his wife and children are Jewish, and he invited everyone present to the forthcoming bat mitzvah of his daughter.

Gerta Frieberg, who won the chairmanship of the Ontario region, challenged the Premier to grant provincial support for Jewish schools, something that is done in Quebec and elsewhere, but not in Ontario. The applause that followed was the most sustained of the entire convention. The premier was not embarrassed. "This is your place and time to tell me and the community," he responded, "for if you don't, who will? I heard you." (A legal challenge to the province is now before the courts.)

Except for one Ontario contest there were no elections, and that reduced the excitement which usually pervades at these conventions. Also absent was much of the traditional religious community, and its absence highlighted the division which has rent our community. Only a few years ago it was otherwise.

Perhaps our new president can help to bridge that gap, or at least make a start. If he were to do something else in the next three years it would be a great achievement.

So, hatslachah to him and his team, and a hearty mazal tov to all the many planners of the convention. Their effort was crowned with success and Canadian Jewry the winner thereby.

Conservative body must restate values

By ELAINE KAHN

For my birthday, Rachel and Sara gave me the new biography of Laurence Olivier, which reveals Olivier's bisexuality and his long affair with Danny Kaye who, despite his marriage, was apparently exclusively homosexual.

Maybe it's latent homophobia, but this revelation disappointed me. Not disappointed that Kaye was gay, but that yet another of my lifelong heroes had this particular surprise in his life, making the link between him and me a little more tenuous.

I know the gay and lesbian community is gratified as more and more big names are revealed to be one of them — but I start feeling a little sorry for myself. Role models of white Jewish hetero, happily-married female writers with children are not exactly a dime a dozen!

What I wish with all my heart is that it would be safe enough, in 1992, for everyone to be open about their sexual preference, so it would no longer be a "revelation," but simply a fact of life like any other.

But at least now more people are talking about sexual preference.

Over the last few months, the Conservative movement, through its main policy-making bodies (the Rabbinical Assembly's committee on law and standards and the RA membership itself, at resolutions sessions of its annual convention) has made several decisions regarding homosexuality and lesbianism and sexuality in general. Typically for Conservative Judaism, the decisions are not logically consistent, but at least the issues are coming out of the closet.

Elaine Kahn

In March, the committee on law and standards rejected a proposal to treat gays and lesbians equally in Jewish religious life. Instead, it barred them from being cantors and rabbis and forbid Conservative rabbis from performing any kind of "commitment" ceremony for gay or lesbian couples.

Somewhat paradoxically, it also said gays and lesbians are to be welcomed fully into Conservative shuls and, at the discretion of individual rabbis, can be given Torah honors, counted in the minyan, serve on the board, teach in the schools, be youth leaders or be camp counsellors in Conservative camps.

The committee then called on the Conservative movement to establish a commission on sexuality in all forms, including aspects of biomedical engineering.

I don't like the part of the decision that puts restrictions on gays and lesbians and I don't even have a problem with commitment ceremonies, given that they recognize the sanctity of a couple — the losing proposal that allowed for such ceremonies made the obvious point that this tells gays and lesbians that they, like heterosexual couples, are not supposed to be adulterous.

What I do have a serious problem with is the separation between rabbi and teacher — surely it's a very non-Jewish delineation. Rabbis are by definition teachers, albeit with a title — either both roles or neither should be open to gays and lesbians.

And I don't like leaving so much to the discretion of individual rabbis, though such discretion is the very core of the Conservative rabbinate. It's the same kind of decision that was made about rights for women.

For example, being counted in the minyan has been permitted by the law committee since 1973, but I feel like I need to have a map with colored pins stuck in it to mark which congregations would count me and which won't.

Even the RA convention continues to have two daily minyans, one egalitarian and one in which only men have rights, a bizarre situation at a convention where some of those coming to daven are women rabbis. This all promotes cynicism, not spirituality.

I do like the decision of the RA, at a resolutions session at the convention late last month, to support the commission on sexuality. The guidance such a commission can provide is badly needed.

Over a decade ago, when we lived in New York while my husband got his rabbinical training, I was tremendously upset that our friends and acquaintances, whether "left," "right" or "centre," considered every aspect of their lives within a religious framework — except for sex.

Holding on to virginity was mocked no less among rabbinical students than among any other segment of society. Premarital sex among rabbinical students was not exactly unheard of and extramarital sex among rabbis, though not heard about frequently then or now, was not, and is not, censured the way one somehow expects it would be.

Many rabbis report that the majority of couples coming to arrange weddings are already living together. Friends who were counsellors at a Conservative camp once told me of a talk they'd had about sex with young teenage campers — not telling them not to do it, just telling them how to do it safely.

These are only some of the issues a commission needs to deal with. Even if its conclusions simply restate the traditional, if oft ignored, values of chastity and fidelity, it's important that these values be restated today. I need to know what to tell my kids, within a very contemporary Conservative ideology, about sexual mores — and not just because of AIDS.

If anything bugged me about the discussions at convention, it was this reliance on AIDS, as if citing this disease will scare people into agreeing to anything.

The devastation AIDS wreaks was cited over and over as the compelling reason to allow Conservative rabbis to serve as rabbis of gay and lesbian synagogues, a resolution that, after heated debate was passed.

That's good. But not all gays and lesbians have AIDS, and they do need other things from their rabbis aside from death-counselling. Nor is AIDS-counselling something rabbis need to do only for their gay and lesbian congregants. AIDS is a health issue, not a moral one.

A year ago at convention, all of this was still taboo for discussion, even among our closest friends. Last month, it often dominated conversation. Even for impatient people like me, this seemed a big step forward.

Features

The Holocaust as seen by the killers

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

There have been numerous firsthand accounts of the Holocaust by survivors, but precious few by perpetrators and onlookers. *Those Were The Days* (Penguin, $29.99) fills that gap with horrific completeness. It is not an easy book to read. The details, though rendered with detachment, are gut-wrenching. But that is precisely why such books are so important; they refute the cynical allegations of anti-Semitic revisionists who seek to expunge or downplay the Holocaust.

Those Were The Days consists of extracts from diaries, letters, reports and transcripts of confessions by Germans who either participated in war crimes or witnessed them. The volume, which is filled with grainy but graphic photographs, is edited by three German academics, Ernst Klee, Willi Dressen and Volker Riess.

With several notable exceptions, the material is self-incriminating. We are dealing here with perverted, sadistic, unfeeling minds.

Yet it should be noted that even they were susceptible to human emotions. Take, for example, this entry from an unidentified member of a mobile killing unit (Einsatzgruppe A) in the Baltics: "After the first wave of shootings it emerged that the men, particularly the officers, could not cope with the demands made on them. Many abandoned themselves to alcohol, many suffered nervous breakdowns and psychological illnesses... we had suicides and there were cases where some men cracked up and shot wildly..."

Contrary to myth, no one was executed or packed off to a concentration camp for refusing to murder Jews. Indeed, as the editors point out in the introduction, a special convalescent home was established near Berlin "for such cases."

In the summer of 1941, a sergeant-major in the 16th Army, based in Kovno (Kaunas), saw Lithuanian civilians "beating other civilians to death with iron bars."

Judging by his reaction, he did not entirely approve. "These actions seemed extremely cruel and brutal. A great many German soldiers as well as Lithuanians watched these people being beaten to death. The soldiers did not express assent or disapprobation... They did not interfere one way or the other. The Lithuanian civilians could be heard shouting their approval or goading the men on."

At around the same time, in Kovno, a medical orderly was reproved by an SS guard for having offered a bandage to a Jewish woman who had been shot. "I was very shaken by this experience..." he writes. "It would have been pointless and dangerous for me to have disobeyed the SS man — they were ruthless. He threatened to shoot me down if I didn't get on my way."

But for every person with a conscience, there were many more who exhibited sheer heartlessness.

Consider this excerpt, taken from a policeman stationed in Poland: "Members (of the border police) were, with few exceptions, quite happy to take part in the shooting of Jews. They had a ball! There was a great hatred against the Jews... they (the killers) wanted money and gold. Don't let's kid ourselves, there was always something up for grabs during the Jewish actions."

A customs official in Ukraine asked a policeman whether he had difficulty murdering Jews in cold blood. "He told me that he had two children but that he had got used to this work, which he seemed to do with the utmost satisfaction."

Sometimes, even the killers were repelled by the crude methods of dispatching victims. Ernst Gobel of the Waffen-SS, having watched an unusually vicious murderer lift a child off the ground by his hair and shoot him through the back of his head, observed: "After a while I just could not watch this anymore and I told him to stop." Was Gobel going soft? Hardly! "What I meant was that he should not lift the children up by the hair, he should kill them *in a more decent way.*" (italics mine).

What follows is another example of misplaced, perverted guilt. Heinrich Hesse of the SS openly admits he was "glad" to shoot "a beautiful woman." Why? "My only thought was that if I had to do something I should cause the person as little pain as possible. I did not want the Jewess to suffer fear of death."

Theodor Malzmuller, a police guard in Chelmno, was less charitable — simply describing Jews as "the plague boils of humanity."

Nazism had so indoctrinated the ordinary German that he had lost touch with reality. Listen to Kurt Mobius, a policeman: "We had been drilled in such a way that we viewed all orders issued by the head of state as lawful and correct... I would like to say that it never even entered my head that these orders could be wrong."

Mobius was convinced that the Jews deserved their fate. "I believed all the propaganda that Jews were criminals and subhuman, and that they were the cause of Germany's decline after the First World War."

Some Germans, like Auschwitz official Maximillian Grabner, wallowed in regrets. "I am a Roman Catholic and today still believe in God. I believe there must be such a thing as divine justice... I was never an anti-Semite and would still claim today that every person has the right to life."

And then there were those who had inured themselves to the prevailing immorality of the day. Johannes Kremer, a physician who conducted medical experiments in Auschwitz, is as good an example as any.

On Oct. 11, 1942, he writes: "Extracted... fresh live material from liver, spleen and pancreas." The following day, he notes: "Today, Sunday, there was a roast hare for lunch — a real fat leg — with dumplings and red cabbage..."

Or consider this missive from Prof. Wilhelm Phannenstiel, a Waffen-SS hygienst invited to witness a gassing at Belzec.

After providing a thorough description of the killing process, replete with minutiae of gold teeth ripped from swollen and disfigured corpses, Phannenstiel concludes on a chilling technical note, as if real human beings are not even involved:

"During the disposal of the bodies I also established that the whole procedure was not entirely satisfactory from the point of view of hygiene."

Such was the twisted morality of the Third Reich. Such are the depths to which a supposedly educated and civilized person can sink.

SS-men at the Belzec concentration camp.

They were largely middle-aged family men of working-class and lower middle-class background, residents of Hamburg, a melange of workers, artisans, salesmen and clerks.

Too old for combat in the Wehrmacht, they served with the Reserve Police Battalion 101, a unit of the German Order Police which had been established to hold Nazi Germany's occupied territories. But as Hitler's Final Solution took shape, the battalion was sucked into the maelstrom of the Holocaust.

In June 1942, the battalion — which consisted of some 500 men — was dispatched to Poland. Its commander was Major Wilhelm Trapp, a 53-year-old veteran of World War I and the recipient of the Iron Cross First Class.

The battalion's first task was to round up Jews in and around Lublin. None of these actions involved mass executions, but in some instances Jews too old, frail or sick to be moved were shot.

A month later, in the village of Jozefow, Trapp's battalion was ordered to engage in the mass murder of Jewish civilians. It could well be asked whether his men were up to it. After all, most of them were neither committed Nazis nor racial fanatics. And, it may be added, they hailed from a city that had been anti-Nazi in its political culture.

Christopher Browning, a historian of the Holocaust, uses the battalion's experiences to illustrate how the average German reservist, under the influence of peer pressure and/or careerism, could transform himself into a war criminal. In his disturbing, clinically-written book, *Ordinary Men* (Harper Collins, $29.50), Browning chronicles the history of the battalion, provides pen portraits of its personalities and, most important, analyses their actions.

Ordinary men

In Jozefow, they were under the impression that they would perform guard duty. When Trapp learned that they would have to shoot 1,500 men, women and seniors in cold blood, he informed his officers. Heinz Buchmann, a lieutenant, refused to take part. Trapp not only respected his twinge of conscience, but subsequently made an extraordinary offer: any of the older policemen who did not feel up to the task could step out. Some 10 to 12 stepped forward and turned in their rifles. Browning does not explain why Trapp did not extend the offer to the younger men.

Although he was a member of the Nazi party, Trapp hated the gruesome order he had been given. Witnesses said he wept like a child. But he carried it out. After the massacre, Browning observes, the men were depressed, angered, embittered and shaken. But neither generous quantities of alcohol nor Trapp's consoling words could wash away the sense of shame and horror that pervaded the barracks.

Nevertheless, when the battalion was ordered to shoot yet more Jews in other localities, there was no opposition. Indeed, as Browning points out, "the men did not experience such a traumatic shock the second time. Like much else, killing was something one could get used to."

As the war wore on, the battalion was involved in further mass shootings, culminating with its participation in the November 1943 Erntefest massacre, the single largest German killing operation against the Jews during the Holocaust. "With a victim total of 42,000 in the Lublin district, Erntefest surpassed even the notorious Babi Yar massacre of more than 33,000 Jews outside Kiev," writes Browning.

In total, the battalion was responsible for the direct shooting deaths of at least 38,000 Jews and the fate of 45,000 Jews whom they loaded onto trains bound for the Treblinka concentration camp.

After the war, the Polish government succeeded in extraditing Trapp and several of his officers. Ironically, their trial focused on the reprisal shooting of 78 Poles, not on the mass killing of Jews. Trapp was executed, while his subordinates were handed relatively light sentences.

In the 1960s, West Germany indicted 14 of the policemen, but only a handful had to pay for their crimes with prison terms. The canons of justice were therefore flouted, but Browning hastens to add that members of other police units did not even have to face trials.

German army participated in murders

By TOM SAWICKI

On July 28, 1941, five weeks after Germany invaded the Soviet Union, Hauptsturmfuhrer (Captain) May, the commander of an SS unit operating in the Baltic republics, sent a glowing report to his superiors on the activities of the Latvian and Lithuanian volunteers in "clean-up operations" following the withdrawal of the Red Army.

"We should value their actions and involve them in future activities," wrote May. "But despite the large numbers of Jewish victims, I do not believe that the Jewish problem will be solved in this way."

On Dec. 16, 1942, Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel, head of the German armed forces high command, wrote to field commanders operating on the Eastern Front. "The army will fulfil its duty in eliminating the bandits [partisans] operating behind our lines and will show no consideration toward anyone, including women and children. No German soldier should fear being placed before a disciplinary committee for fulfilling his duties."

These two letters — and hundreds of thousands of other Second World War documents — have only now been made available to Yad Vashem researchers. They reveal the extent to which the regular German army and Eastern European civilians under German occupation co-operated enthusiastically in the murder of Jews.

The documents, some of which reached Jerusalem recently, come from the Soviet Union and other East European countries that have opened up their war archives to the Israelis in the past year. "They show widespread, massive participation on the part of ordinary Germans, the Wehrmacht [German army] units, and people in the areas occupied by the Germans, in the murder of Jews," says Shmuel Krakowski, director of Yad Vashem's archives.

At the same time, the newly available documents provide details on the dates and places of death of tens of thousands of Jews in Eastern Europe, which may allow Holocaust survivors to finally learn their relatives' fate.

Until last year, says Krakowski, these archives were closed to Western researchers. "We knew important documents existed behind the Iron Curtain, but we didn't realize just how important these documents were. In some cases, we discovered materials we thought were destroyed by the Germans during the war."

Recently, Krakowski says, the Central Soviet Archives offered Yad Vashem access to the files of the Committee for the Investigation of Nazi War Crimes — a Soviet institution that from 1942 to 1945 followed the Red Army's move westward, collecting documentation on what happened during the German occupation.

Yad Vashem researchers have flown to Moscow several times in the past year, taking with them their own photocopying machine, cameras and tons of paper. "The Soviets have opened their archives but they do not have the equipment for copying the materials. Our problem is that we do not have nearly enough money to copy all the materials, to computerize the information and to complete the task," he says.

Indeed, Yad Vashem is operating on an annual budget of about $4 million (U.S.) — 80 per cent from the government, 20 per cent from the Jewish Agency — which according to its financial director Shmuel Eden falls $1 million short of even meeting the institution's current operating expenses. Krakowski warns that his department may have to stop copying and assessing the documents unless more funds are forthcoming.

Copies of files are also arriving from other locations. The National Archives of Slovakia has released documents listing 44,000 names of murdered Jews and the dates and locations of their deaths. Hungary has provided 34,000 names of Jews who died in labor camps. Poland has given lists of 27,000 names from the Radom ghetto and of 7,000 Jews who served in the Polish army in 1939, were taken prisoner and perished in the Maidanek concentration camp. Some of this information is now available to the public; some has yet to be catalogued.

Documents from East Germany cover Nazi operations until the very end of the war.

Krakowski describes the documents as "a bottomless well of information. And we don't even know what's in it." He turns up his palms and adds wistfully: "It would be a pity if we couldn't get our hands on all the materials, just because of the lack of money."

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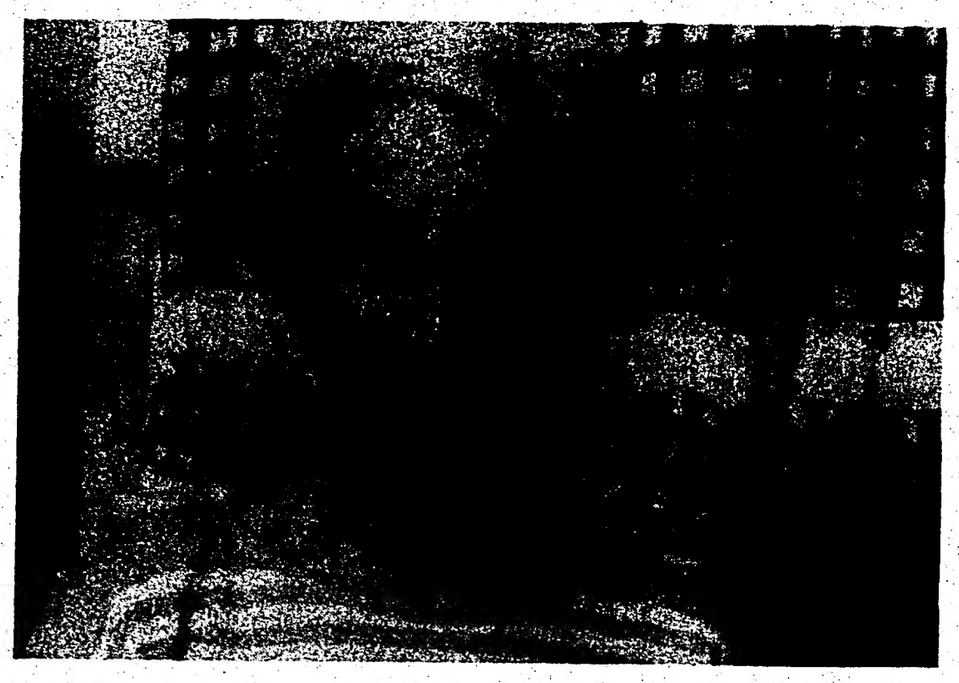

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Organizations and People

Lawyer probes death of Moscow activist

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

A Toronto lawyer is probing the murder in Moscow last February of an American Jewish woman who made a point of speaking out against Russian anti-Semitism.

Martha Phillips, a 43-year-old Trotskyist who had been living and teaching English in Moscow for over two years, was found dead in her flat Feb. 9. After a curt police investigation two days after the body was found, authorities determined Phillips was murdered by asphyxiation. There was no sign of struggle and nothing in her apartment was disturbed.

Her lawyer, Yossi Schwartz, won't rule out anti-Semitism as a motive.

Schwartz travelled to Moscow in March in an effort to get to the bottom of the investigation, which he says is being hampered by "incompetence and corruption."

For example, the procurator in charge of the case told him that the militia was responsible for the two-day delay in starting the investigation. But the autopsy report states the procurator's office knew from the beginning that Phillips' was a violent death.

Martha Phillips

And the autopsy report is dated two weeks after Phillips' body was cremated.

Schwartz told *The CJN* last week that the case "has been kicked upstairs" to Moscow's chief procurator, but that there has been no progress.

According to a translation from a Russian newspaper story published April 1, Phillips was active in the International Communist League's so-called Fourth International, which adheres to the revolutionary teachings of Bolshevik leader Leon Trotsky.

The story adds that members of Phillips' group had "come into conflict" with Pamyat, a right-wing, anti-Semitic movement.

Phillips was an outspoken opponent of growing chauvinism, racism and anti-Semitism in Russia.

After learning Russian in her native California, she moved to Moscow in 1990 and was described in Trotskyist circles as "the only Jew on the planet to immigrate *to* Russia."

According to the Trostskyist League of Canada, Phillips died only hours before a large rally against Russian president Boris Yeltsin. Trotskyists, who espouse a pure, worker-led socialist revolution, are opposed to Yeltsin's moves toward a market economy and what they call his "counter-revolutionary course."

Schwartz says it's "speculation" to state Phillips was murdered by anti-Semites or members of Pamyat, but he won't dismiss it either.

The Moscow newspaper article says Phillips' "political passions" cannot be ruled out as a motive.

Schwartz says the U.S. State Department is "paying lip service" to the investigation because Phillips was a Communist.

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Hamilton Supporters of Israel raise funds for Ariel college

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

Never before in his life has he held a cheque for so much money in his hands, commented Benjamin Begin when handed a cheque for $150,000 by Morris Lax, honorary president of the Hamilton Supporters of Israel.

The money represented the proceeds from a recent Israel Independence Day dinner and dance held by the Hamilton Supporters of Israel, at which the former Israeli prime minister's son was the guest speaker.

The money will go towards the recently established College of Judea and Samaria in Ariel.

The college already has a faculty of 30 scientists, most of them olim from the former Soviet Union, and the funds will be used to provide housing for them.

Begin, who holds a doctorate in geology from Colorado State University, was head of the environmental and hydro geology division of the Geological Survey of Israel before his election to the Knesset in 1988.

His remarks dealt primarily with the college, which is associated with Bar Ilan University and is expected eventually to have an enrolment of 2,000 students.

Elaborating on the importance of the college's location on the West Bank, Begin explained that what the government is trying to do is to create obstacles to the establishment of a separate Pelestinian state.

Jews are returning to their cradle, to land that belongs to the Jewish people, and they have every right to live on the West Bank, he told the approximately 350 guests at Adas Israel Synagogue.

He noted that since the Gulf War, the meaning of "secure borders" has been severely diminished.

If Iraq can send Scud missiles into Israel, said Begin, 20 miles here or there are immaterial, although he did concede that borders are nevertheless still important.

Begin, who had flown in specifically for the event, also stated that Israel has every intention of continuing with the peace process.

The Hamilton Supporters of Israel are a small independent group which began in the early '70s when four friends got together for coffee one evening and wondered if there was anything they could do on their own to raise money for Israel.

Their first effort in 1975 resulted in a cheque of $2,300 for the Association for the Welfare of Soldiers in Israel.

Since then, their annual Israel Independence Day celebration has become one of the Hamilton community's most successful fundraising events, with hundreds of thousands of dollars being donated to a variety of projects in Israel.

Each year the group selects a different project, said Goldie Lax, whose husband, Morris, was one of the group's founders.

The couple travels to Israel twice a year, frequently "hand delivering" the cheques.

Their most recent trip was last December, when they presented a cheque for $115,000 to the Hadassah-WIZO Hofim Absorption Centre for Ethiopian Youth.

"In every corner of Israel, wherever you go, there is a plaque to the Hamilton Supporters of Israel," said Goldie proudly.

The group's only other function is a stag in October. Relying heavily on donations, they have succeeded in keeping expenses for both events to a minimum to ensure that most of the funds raised go to Israel.

Besides Goldie and Morris Lax, the group also includes president Aaron Shiffman and his wife, Sheila; Jack and Hilda Rosen; Gary and Dorothy Frydman; Jack and Rose Rotstein; Jack and Dorothy Freedman; David and Anne Schoenberg; Max and Samieth Mintz; Nate and Edie Feldman; Norman and Blanche Levitt; Joe and Sima Lindenberg; Alex and Leah Bukhman and Rose Paikin, who acted as master of ceremonies for the evening.

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Student Voice

By GEOFFREY SINGER

A group of experts known as "risk analysts" study how people assess and deal with the risks in their lives. They have found that we have a great propensity to underestimate the risks associated with everyday activity while greatly overestimating and fearing those incredibly unlikely (if not negligible) risks associated with not-so-common activities.

This body of theory seems to have direct application to the way that members of the Diaspora Jewish community make a decision as to how "risky" it is to visit Israel. There was a rather apparent trend last year in that many Diaspora Jews cancelled their plans to visit Israel in the period following the Gulf War.

Now it was one thing to avoid Israel during the war. At that time, no one could be certain just how serious the aerial threat was or whether chemical weapons would be employed. I could hardly blame anyone for cancelling their plans or returning home during those weeks of uncertainty.

But months later, long after the war had ended and it was obvious that the Iraqi threat had been neutralized, people were still avoiding Israel. This loss in tourism revenue hurt Israel economically. Perhaps even more importantly, it made Israelis feel that the Diaspora community had turned its collective back and that they only care to visit Israel during "fair weather."

Last May, I was one of 27 who participated in Network's Leadership Training Seminar, the first student group to tour Israel after the war. Before leaving, I found some poeple, both in and out of the Jewish community, questioning my judgement about visiting the region so recently after the war. In doing so, they were implying that Israel was a dangerous place to be. They may have been right, but ironically, probably not for the right reasons.

It is true that members of the Diaspora community sometimes fall victim to serious dangers in Israel. As most Canadian Jews painfully remember, Marnie Kimelman, a Canadian girl, was tragically killed by an explosive planted on a Tel Aviv beach.

You may also have heard about the Canadian sisters, Amy and Gilah Amoch, who were killed in a terrible traffic accident in Israel. Although their story did receive some press, many people still do not realize that if there is a real danger in Israel, it is probably that the country has some of the worst traffic mortality statistics anywhere in the world.

More Israelis have died in traffic accidents than defending their country in all of its wars combined. This is a fact that both the Israeli people and the Diaspora community desperately need to acknowledge and take action on.

Yet, we worry inordinately about the terrorist threat because it is a danger, however unlikely, that is imposed upon us by outside forces rather than a much more uncertain danger we consent to each time we step in a car or cross the street. I have yet to hear anyone say that the reason they will not be visiting Israel is because they are afraid of being injured or killed in a motor vehicle accident.

It seems to me that to avoid Israel because of a fear of terrorism is to simply hand over the victory to those who instigate such despicable acts as that which claimed Marnie's life. (Surely their intent is, in part, to keep Diasora Jews away from Israel.)

As risk analysts concede, it is a fact that the media greatly affects how we perceive risks. A couple of years ago when a tire fire was raging in Hagersville, Ontario, prospective visitors to Canada were phoning our embassies and consulates all around the world to see if it was still safe to visit. It seemed that some people thought the whole contry, from St. John's to Victoria, was one huge smouldering mess.

In the same way, many of us have let the media lure us into thinking that Israel is one big war zone. I can assure you that it is not. Israel is still an incredibly beautiful and relatively safe country to visit. Avoiding Israel as a whole because of a fear of being injured by the intifada, for example, would be like avoiding downtown Montreal during the Oka crisis.

This is a risk which is locally contained and though it may often make sensational headlines, this does not necessarily mean that it should translate into a major safety consideration in your decision whether or not to visit Israel. If you do not want to fall victim to a violent act, I would also suggest that you not visit Toronto this year as the rate of violent crimes and homicides in this city has shot up dramatically.

How often do you cringe upon hearing about another death in Israel while almost casually dismissing news of another homicide right in your own neighborhood?

Now, you may have other ideological concerns for not wanting to visit Israel. But I have a hard time with anyone who tries to convince me that the threats of terrorism, the intifada, or a war that ended over a year ago constitute the major avoidable risks to one's well-being.

We need to step back and assess the risks in our lives more objectivey. Start thinking about your own reasons for visiting Israel. There has never been a better time ...

Geoffrey Singer, a fourth year Urban Planning student at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, is the outgoing president of the Jewish Students' Council of Ryerson.

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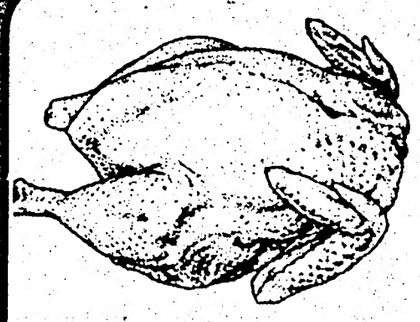

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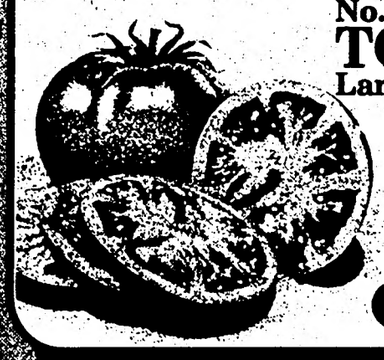

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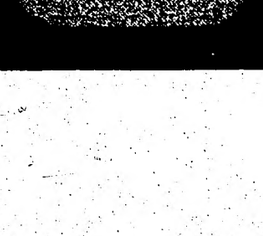

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JNF Negev dinners planned for south-central Ontario

By MOURA WOLPERT

WINDSOR —

General Uzi Narkiss will be the keynote speaker on Thursday evening, June 18, in the Charles Zalev social hall at the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue, announces regional Keren Kayemet emissary, Yigal Yardeni.

The dinner will honor John A. Millson, former mayor of Windsor.

The Windsor dinner is one of three Negev tribute dinners being held in June, entailing a major campaign in the south-central Ontario region, he says.

The other two dinners are in London on June 14, honoring Drs. Beryl Ann and Noam Chernick, and in Hamilton on June 28, in tribute to Dr. Franklyn Shapiro.

Jewish National Fund of Canada president, Alan Posluns and his wife, Sandy, will attend the Hamilton dinner.

With the honorees of both the London and Hamilton dinner being physicians, there will naturally be greater emphasis on involving the medical communities of these cities, says Yardeni.

He also noted that about 100 people from south-western Ontario who were on last February's JNF tour of Israel have become involved in the dinners, some serving on various committees and others by taking on major projects.

Proceeds from the Windsor dinner will go towards the John Millson Park in Eliat; from the Hamilton dinner towards the building of a medical centre and housing units in Eilat, while proceeds from the London dinner will be directed towards the development of Timna Park near Eilat, with a wall of honor being erected in Eilat.

Narkiss to visit Windsor

Narkiss, who will fly in specially from Miami for the occasion, is chairman of the Zionist delegation in North America and representative of the chairman and the treasurer of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization.

Born in Jerusalem in 1925, Narkiss began his army career as a member of the Palmeach. During the War of Independence he was instrumental in freeing Jerusalem and also in occupying the Negev area for Israel.

He held many high level positions while on active service, including service on the IDF general staff and as military attaché in Paris and other European capitals. He was also a founding commander of Israel's National Defence College and commanding officer of Israel's central military region.

In the 1967 Six Day War, Narkiss was in charge of operations in the central military region, commanding the troops which won control of the eastern part of Jerusalem, leading to the reunification of the city.

Upon his retirement from active service in 1968, Narkiss became involved with the Jewish Agency, with particular interest in aliyah policy, education and public information.

He headed the Special Project Fund, Keren Sapir, from 1978 - 1982 and served as chairman of the information (Hasbarah) department of the World Zionist Organization in Jerusalem from 1982 until his appointment to his current position.

Narkiss studied Arabic, philosophy and history at the Hebrew University. He is married to the former Esther HaCohen, director of the Jerusalem Music Conservatory, the father of two daughters and grandfather of five.

National Study Kallah planned for summer

TORONTO —

The Canadian Council for Reform Judaism, answering the challenge placed before them by Rabbi Alexander Schindler at the biennial convention of North American Reform Judaism, has established an annual National Study Kallah, the first of which will be held this summer.

"I am calling for an intensified program of adult Jewish study as an absolute priority of our movement," said Schindler in his presidential address to the convention delegates. "Our camps, already the most effective vehicles for Judaism at our command, should become a multigenerational experience."

The National Study Kallah will be a unique opportunity to explore traditional Jewish texts from a liberal perspective in an informal and spiritual atmosphere. "We are attempting to combine the experience of an intensive yeshiva and an adult summer camp, living our Judaism while learning it," says Rabbi Elyse Goldstein, director of Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning. Kollel is the Canadian Council's community adult education program, under whose auspices the kallah will take place.

"Each day will include a range of learning opportunities: study of Torah and rabbinic texts in a "shiur" format, experiential and discussion groups, and Judaic arts workshops. Participants will have the chance to study for five two-hour sessions with a member of our rabbinic faculty," she explains.

According to Rabbi Daniel Gottlieb, executive director of the Canadian council for Reform Judaism, "This is the first time that the Canadian Reform Movement has offered a national summer study program for adults, and we are going to be bringing together students and faculty from all across Canada for four days of in-depth Judaic study, worship, music, dance and fellowship. All who wish to engage in serious study are welcome. There is no prerequisite of prior knowledge, synagogue affiliation or level of religious observance."

The chairman of the kallah is Harriet Lampert, of Temple Har Zion, who has previously attended kallot offered by the Reform movement in the United States. She brings to the kallah a wealth of experience and enthusiasm.

The faculty will include Rabbi Dow Marmur of Holy Blossom Temple, Toronto; Rabbi Michael Stroh of Temple Har Zion, Thornhill; and Rabbi Edward Elkin of Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, Montreal, in addition to Rabbi Goldstein and Rabbi Gottlieb.

The Religious Challenge of Liberal Judaism will be the theme of the retreat, which will be held July 15-19, at Hidden Valley Resort Hotel, in the Muskoka Highlands. Singles and couples are welcome. Infant care and a day camp program for children will be provided at no additional cost. For further information and registration, call 660-3154 or 660-4666.

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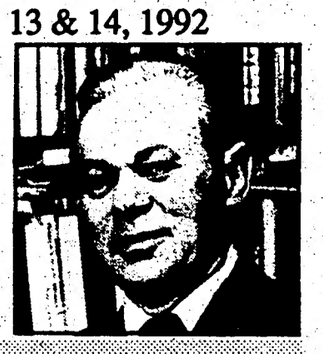
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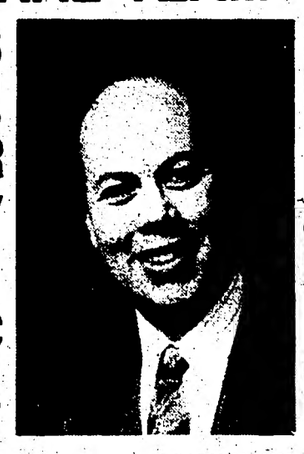
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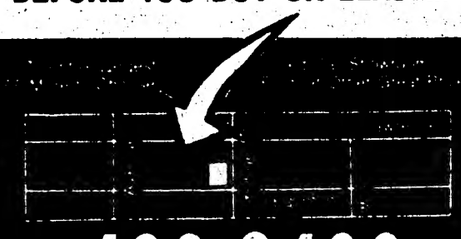
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Polish-born Helen Vine (left), who survived World War II in France and will be 90 in November, was one of the earliest residents to move into Shalom Village. Shown with her at the 10th anniversary party are (right), her cousin, Helen Katz, and other friends and residents of Shalom Village. [David Burman photo]

Shalom Village marks 10 years

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

Shalom Village celebrated its 10th anniversary on a recent Sunday afternoon and what a party it was!

Two hundred chairs had been set up but that wasn't enough as more and more guests poured into the lounge and dining room until every corner was filled and there was standing room only.

Proof, as one guest was heard to remark, that Shalom Village "is everyone's favorite place."

Volunteers served hors d'oeuvres and wine, there were cookies and cake and throughout the afternoon, there was the sound of lively, toe-tapping, finger-snapping music of the Klezmer Band of Toronto, with Joseph Roth, violin, Michael Sherman, clarinet, and Rick Kardonne, piano.

From Toronto, also, came writer, composer and Global TV's director of development, Mark Shekter, and singer, entertainer and actress Rhona Shekter.

The eldest and youngest, respectively, of Shalom Village nursing home president Ben Shekter's four children, they entertained with a selection from *Fiddler on the Roof*.

As well, Rhona performed *Shalom*, a song she had written and composed herself specially for the occasion.

A slide presentation narrated by Paul Hanover depicted highlights from Shalom Village's 10 years and newly hung in the lobby was a Tree of Life commemorating all residents who have lived there 10 years.

The Tree of Life was painted by 18-year-old cellist Ayela Seidelman, proving herself to be not only a gifted musician but a talented painter as well.

It was a fun afternoon and formalities were kept to a minimum.

There were welcoming remarks and introductions of staff and special guests by administrator, Sheila Burman, and past president Dr. Ronald Kaplan spoke briefly on behalf of president Leon Price.

A psychology professor with the Department of Psychiatry in the McMaster University Faculty of Medicine, Kaplan became involved with the project in the 1970s, when a Hamilton Jewish home for the aged was still only a dream.

And "now, at a time when many valued community institutions and programs are threatened by our society's lack of productivity, it is appropriate to remind ourselves, Kaplan told guests, "that the Hamilton Jewish community has often been in the forefront in the care of the elderly."

Shalom Village had been planned, he said, "by a group of visionaries" for whom "foremost in their thinking, was the importance of preserving and promoting health, independence, dignity, Jewish culture and values, and participation in community life.

"A strong creative, innovative spark," he went on, "has fired this vision throughout."

Kaplan commended the volunteers for having been able to "tap the best ideas in academic gerontology, cooperate with several levels of government, and harness the time, energy and financial resources of our Jewish community."

And he also commended the staff for having "struggled hard to create an environment where residents hold on to their independence in every way possible but are also able to reach out for support and a patient ear."

Kaplan also paid tribute to the late Dr. Jack Shekter, a past president of Shalom Village and member of the planning committee.

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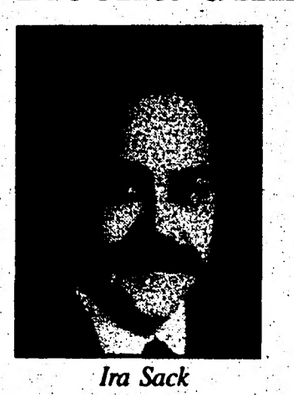
Reena dinner heads for success



Ira Sack

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"We have set a high target for this year's dinner, but I am confident we'll reach it," said **Ira Sack**, chairman of the Reena Foundation's Gala Dinner for 1992.

"Yes, we are all too aware of the recession but we know that our supporters will not disappoint the many developmentally handicapped people who will benefit from this dinner."

"The Gala Dinner, honoring **Marilyn and Bert Raphael**, will take place at the Regal Constellation Hotel on Tues., June 16. Funds raised will create the **Marilyn and Bert Raphael Advocacy Fund**, which will assist Reena in helping to fight the inequities in the community on behalf of the people with special needs it supports.

Marshall Gottlieb, chairman of the sponsor committee, has accepted the formidable task of raising the dollar goal, with the help of a team of people loyal to Reena. North York Mayor **Mel Lastman** has also agreed to chair the tribute committee because of "his longstanding admiration for the work of the Reena Foundation and his high regard for Marilyn and Bert," said Ira.

Arrangements have been made to accept State of Israel Bonds as payment for our Gala Dinner — enabling donors to perform a double *mitzvah*.

For further information, or to make a reservation, please call Minnie Ross, Manager, Funding Development, at 787-0131.

Nursing home head gets honor

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

On Feb. 16, Henry Faintuch, executive vice-president and CEO of the Sharon Home Inc. was recognized by his peers for his 40 years of service to Winnipeg's Jewish aged with the North American Association of Jewish Homes & Housing for the Aging (NAJHHA) Award of Honor.

The presentation took place in Atlanta, Georgia, in the presence of Dr. Louis Sullivan, the American Secretary of Health and Welfare and Human Resources, at the association's annual meeting. This is only the second time in the 50-year history of the NAJHHA that this award has been presented.

In a letter addressed to Herbert Shore, NAJHHA executive vice-president, last November when it was first learned Faintuch was being considered for the honor, Gordon Pullan, president of the Sharon Home, applauded the nomination.

"The Sharon Home stands out as the example for all other homes to follow," he wrote. "This is solely as a resuslt of Dr. Faintuch's energy and efforts. In his quiet diplomatic manner, I have seen him overcome obstacles that seemed insurmountable. I have seen him convince reluctant government time and again of the need of the Jewish community not only for expanded facilities and services, but also the quality one would want for oneself."

Medical degree in Poland

Faintuch earned his medical degree in Poland before the war and gained his experience in operating institutions such as the Sharon Home in Russian prison camps during the war and as a medical officer in a refugee camp for survivors in Germany (the American Zone) after the war. He came to Winnipeg in 1949 to take charge of the institution then called the Jewish Old Folks Home of Western Canada.

Faintuch recalls the Home as he saw it in 1949 as "a boarding type estabishment for 47 elderly who could not sustain themselves in the community." At the time, there were no regular medical or nursing care programs, personal data nor records. The facility was inadequate and community planning was limited.

Under Faintuch's direction, the renamed Sharon Home has grown into a model institution with 234 beds, medical and nursing services, a variety of community services and activities available and outreach programs, including a three-day Adult Day Care program and Respite Care (admitting elderly people for short periods of time to give their care givers a rest).

Expansion has come in several stages over the years. Faintuch is particularly proud of the Sharon Home's all weather glass enclosed courtyard pavillion which he lobbied for six years before it was built in 1982. He notes it is the only courtyard and pavillion in a seniors institution in North America.

Last fall, Faintuch and his board of directors dedicated the Sharon Home's new state-of-the-art fifth floor which include 26 heavy-care beds (for destructive Alzheimer patients). The expansion and renovations included exansion to the diningroom, canteen and kitchen, new carpeting in the main lobby and halls, construction of a new ambulance entrance and an enlarged, landscaped parking lot.

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Fogelman was active in Histadrut efforts

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —
Hy Fogelman, a longtime Jewish community professional, died recently at the age of 66 during a visit to Winnipeg.

"He was very involved and respected in Histadrut," said Lou Lenkinski, who had worked with him in the area of trade union participation in the Histadrut campaign. Fogelman was Ontario director, Canadian Association for Labor Israel, from 1982 until his death. The association is the umbrella for Canadian Friends of Amal, Canadian Friends of Kupat Holim and Israel Histadrut Campaign.

Harry Simon, Ontario vice-chairman, Histadrut Campaign, remembers Fogelman as "a very devoted and loyal worker who was respected and admired by many people who were friends of Israel."

Fogelman was raised in Winnipeg, having been brought to Canada from his native Poland as an infant. He received a master's degree in English and a BSc in Chemistry at the University of Manitoba, as well as a teacher's certificate from Maimonides College.

Fogelman's first position in the Jewish community was as a teacher at Winnipeg Hebrew Day Schools. He subsequently served as western regional director, United Israel Appeal; Michigan state director, Israel Histadrut Campaign; Ontario manager, State of Israel Bonds, and later as their Toronto manager; as well as a couple of stints in private industry, before assuming his position at Histadrut.

He enjoyed working with people, and took special pleasure in doing a weekly radio spot on the Zelda Young Jewish Hour, his son Hershell, a lawyer, told *The CJN*. "He loved his work, he loved Israel, and he was a staunch Zionist," Hershell said.

Hy Fogelman

"He was also very close with his family. He was very proud of his children and grandchildren." He is survived by his wife Allaine, by four children — Michael, of Port Hope; Shelley Hollingsworth, of Newmarket; Lisa Borchard, of Winnipeg; and Hershell — and two grandchildren, Aaron Fogelman and Rebecca Borchard, who was born eight weeks ago in Winnipeg. His first wife, Myrle Kalef, lives in Toronto.

He also leaves three sisters, Gertie Sperling, of Toledo, Ohio; Sherri Stone, of Medicine Hat, Alberta; and Lenore Kazan of Winnipeg. He was predeceased by his sister Rebecca Sprintz of Winnipeg.

Although his health had suffered in recent years following heart surgery 3 1/2 years ago, "he was a fighter," his son said. He continued working until shortly before his death.

Housing directory released

TORONTO —
The Jewish Information Service (JIS) has issued *Jewish Community and Non-Profit Accommodation Including Facilities for Senior Citizens*, its latest housing directory. JIS is part of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

The publication lists the name of the building, address, a brief description about capacity and sponsors, addresses and contact phone numbers.

Also included are listings of apartments that offer special services to those who are not able to care for their own apartment or unable to prepare their own meals.

Also listed is Avenel, a project of the non-profit agency Kehilla Residential Program, which is a Federation affiliate. Avenel, which is under construction, will offer 111 units for seniors, families, singles and disabled individuals. Rent will be geared to individual income.

MARC (Mutually Assisted Residential community), another Kehilla Residential Program project, is also listed. The apartment complex's emphasis is on an exchange of services between the residents.

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Harry Krakowsky ***Vice-President***
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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

The deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, June 4, is deadline for June 18 issue, and Thursday, June 11, is deadline for June 25 issue. Also, please note that I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail.

Thursday, June 4

THURSDAY EVENING SHIUR

The Ohr Somayach Thursday evening shiur will be augmented by a new lecture series. **Rabbi Avram Rothman**, executive director of Ohr Somayach, will be giving a session entitled Questioning Questions — an Exploration into the Foundations of Jewish Life, Religion and Philosophy. Discussions, questions, disagreement are all encouraged. This is for the well educated beginner with a healthy amount of scepticism.

It begins at 8 p.m. at Ohr Somayach/JEP Thornhill, 613 Clark Ave. W. The phone number is 886-5730. An English text will be used and no reservations are required.

JEWISH RENEWAL OPEN HOUSE

A Jewish Renewal Open House is slated for 7:30 p.m. at Metropolitan Toronto Reference Library, Room B, 789 Yonge St., offering information about Elat Chayyim, the New Woodstock Centre for Healing and Renewal, P'nai Or Fellowship, and informal Jewish Renewal gatherings and education opportunities in Toronto. For information, call 485-5975. Suggested donation is $3.

ABOUT CROHN'S DISEASE

The North York chapter of the Canadian Foundation for Ileitis and Colitis is holding a special education meeting focusing on the topic of living with Crohn's disease. It will open with an informative video followed by a moderated panel discussion and question and answer period.

The time is 8 p.m. at North York Board of Education Administrative Building, 5050 Yonge St.

Sunday, June 7

HUNGARIAN-CANADIAN COMMUNITY

The Hungarian 60 Plus Friendship Circle, a branch of the Hungarian-Canadian Community Services, is holding a musical social event at 3 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre. Everyone is welcome and admission is free.

Recently the Circle received a New Horizons Grant from Canada Health and Welfare. The Circle's primary goal is an outreach program to help and assist elderly Hungarian people. The other goal is its cultural programs, opportunities for friendship and assistance wherever required, and preservation of the Hungarian language and culture. Volunteers are needed for this outreach program.

The Hungarian-Canadian Community Services office, 3101 Bathurst St., is open seven days a week to receive your calls. The number is 781-7090.

SECULAR JEWISH ASSOCIATION

The Secular Jewish Association is holding a picnic at Centre Island. A fun-filled agenda is being planned for young and old. This promises to be a very pleasant way to spend a Sunday afternoon. For more information, call 445-4741.

Tuesday, June 9

HOLOCAUST HISTORICAL DATA

The Holocaust remembrance committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto is sponsoring a program, New Holocaust Historical Data: Revelation and Implications, with guest speaker **Bronia Klibanski**, archives director at Yad Vashem. The time is 8 p.m. at the Lipa Green Building, 4th floor conference hall, 4600 Bathurst St.

INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LEARNING

The Institute for Jewish Learning presents the Harry Posen Memorial Lecture and Siyum to mark the end of another Institute academic year with **Joseph Telushkin**, author and humorist, speaking on Jewish Literacy: How to Hit a Moving Target.

The lecture takes place at 7:45 p.m. at the Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St.

JUDAISM & FREEDOM OF SPEECH

Judaism and Freedom of Speech is what **Eli Rubinstein**, Young Leadership director, UIA Canada, will be discussing at the Holy Blossom Temple Tuesday Morning Study Group. The group meets at 9:45 a.m. Babysitting is available. Call **Rhonda** at 663-3812 for information.

Wednesday, June 10

INTERMARRIAGE SERIES

Chabad Lubavitch of Markham's Jewish Journeys Intermarriage Series concludes with **Rabbi Moshe Stern** of Shaarei Tefillah Congregation discussing Intermarriage from a Rabbi's Viewpoint. That's at 8 p.m. at 55 Guardsman Rd., Thornhill. Cover is $4. For more information, call 886-0420.

WOMEN'S GIFT FOR LEADERSHIP

Rabbi Elyse Goldstein will be speaking on Women's Unique Gift For Leadership at the Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood spring program and new board installation being held at 7:30 p.m. at the temple. There is no charge for members, $7.50 charge for non-members. RSVP to **Olivia** at 789-3291.

ALHOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

The To Life Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets weekly at Kehillat Shaarei Torah, 2640 Bayview Ave., at 8 p.m. This is the only chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous in Toronto which meets in a synagogue or a Jewish organization. For more information, contact **Rabbi Steven Cohen** at 229-2600.

LUNCH AND LEARN

Holy Blossom Temple's Lunch and Learn in Retirement Group is featuring **Rabbi John Moscowitz**, associate rabbi, at its closing luncheon for the season. The group meets at noon. Bring your lunch. Coffee, tea and cookies are provided.

Summer programs will be announced at this meeting.

AND GET-TO-KNOW-US

The Association for the Neurologically Disabled (AND) is holding a Get-To-Know-Us evening at the AND Centre, 59 Clement Rd. (back entrance of Richview Public School) in Etobicoke.

AND provides individually designed-in-the-home rehabilitation programs for children and adults with learning disabilities, developmental delay, cerebral palsy, autism, Down's Syndrome, traumatic head injury and stroke. For information, call 244-1992.

POMEGRANATE GUILD

The Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework's annual show and share evening is at 8 p.m. at Holy Blossom Temple. For information, call **Harriet Liebmann** at 222-7292 or **Sue Krivel** 633-1903.

Thursday, June 11

RIVKA GOLANI IN CONCERT

The Canadian Friends of Tel Hashomer Hospital, Israel, is hosting a gala evening with **Rivka Golani** in concert, reception following, at the Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St. The Israeli consul general will bring greetings. In addition, a special exhibition of Rivka Golani's art work will be featured.

All proceeds from the concert will go towards the purchase of a dialysis unit for the hospital. Tickets are available at the theatre. For more ticket information, call the Canadian Friends at 633-5646.

FUNDRAISER FOR AFTERMATH

Canadian-born musician/composer **Carole Anne Burris** is appearing in concert at the Bathurst Street Theatre at 8 p.m. The concert is a fundraiser for Aftermath, a self-help agency for survivors of childhood sexual abuse and non-offending family members of sexually abused childen. For information about the concert or tickets, call 596-7138. For information about Aftermath services, call 461-2545.

And What Else Is New...

KINDER TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION

If you were one of the Kinder Transport children sent by train from Germany and Austria to England before World War II, do join in a gemutlich get-together Saturday, June 13, at 8 p.m. Call 497-7086 or 493-4921 for information.

CONGREGATION DARCHEI NOAM

Congregation Darchei Noam, the reconstructionist synagogue of Toronto, is offering a number of information evenings. Interested people are invited to attend, meet **Rabbi Larry Pinsker**, and find out more about the shul and Reconstructionist Judaism. For more information, call the shul office at 638-4783.

ISRAELI FOLKDANCE CLASSES

Intermediate Israeli folkdance classes with **Teme Kernerman** start Monday, June 22, from 8:30-10 p.m. in Room 201, Jewish Community Centre North Y branch, 4588 Bathurst St. Fee is $4.25 per class (soft-soled shoes please!). For information, contact **Teme** or **Elaine** at 636-1880, ext. 364 or 273.

OR HADASH HEBREW SCHOOL

Or Hadash Hebrew School, Newmarket, is now taking registration for fall classes. For more information, call **Lori Cohen** at 898-7506 or fax 898-2924.

SHABBAT STUDY LUNCHEON

Beth Tzedec Shabbat study luncheon takes place Saturday, June 13, following noon services. Guest speaker **Prof. Moshe Lazar** will speak on Expulsion, Exile and Survival. Reservations (paid) should be made no later than Tuesday, June 9. Unpaid reservations cannot be accommodated. Call the synagogue office at 781-3511.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR UNEMPLOYED

Jewish Vocational Service offers a support group for people who are unemployed. This free nine-session group assists people in refining their job search strategies and in dealing with the emotional roller coaster associated with job search. Some topics to be discussed are Stress Management, Psychology of Job Loss, Time Management, Resume Preparation, and Interview Skills.

To register, call **Ellen Feinman** or **Rochelle Monas** at 787-1151.

ART WORKSHOPS

Multi-media artist **Tutzi Seguin** is running a series of workshops on various forms of art on Wednesday mornings at her studio, 43 Camberwell Rd. (Bathurst-Eglinton). The first one, June 24, is in sand sculpture to be followed by painting, printmaking, enamel, batik, and more. Charge is $10 per session. Part of the proceeds will go to charities. For information, call 783-0781.

SHAVUOT LEARN-A-THON

Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto (BAYT) invites you to join in a Shavuot Learn-a-Thon. This special event begins midnight June 6 and goes on through the night, ending with the 5 a.m. Sunday morning (early) minyan. Five lecture slots, men's and women's programs, tea and coffee — subjects to pique everyone's interest. The location is 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill.

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TOP FENCER

Winnipeger David Kay, 22, captain of the men's fencing team at Yeshiva University in New York City, has been named to the 1992 All-Conference Team of the Independent Athletic Conference. Kay, a senior biology major in his fourth year on the team, was one of 24 fencers recently invited to participate in the post-season Northeast Regional National College Association (NCAA) Fencing Championships at Harvard University. Kay is also president of the Yeshiva College Student Council. He is the son of Iser and Esther Kay.

SHAI L'CHAYAL PROJECT

Bialik Hebrew Day School students participated in the Yom Ha'atzmaut Shai L'Chayal Project — a Gift to a Soldier Project. Carol Baratz, youth project chairman for Association for Soldiers of Israel, Rachel Ginzberg, Grade 7 Hebrew studies teacher, and the Grade 7 students worked together throughout the school to create a festive Yom Ha'atzmaut spirit. The monies collected will go to purchase audio-visual equipment for Battalion 414, a communication battalion. Pictured are front row (from left) Adam Kerbel, Jordan Bohnen, Diana Fridlyand and Sheryl Korenzvit. Back row (from left) Carol Baratz, Rebecca Bohnen and Rachel Ginszberg. [Graphic Artists photo]

Organizations and People

What's New

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EPILEPSY SUPPORT GROUP

An epilepsy support network is forming. The program will focus on sharing of experiences, stress management and creativity. For more information, call **Reissa Gula** at 889-7534.

ALL NIGHT LEARNING

Chabad Lubavitch of Southern Ontario's Shavuot all night learning session June 6 features classes with **Rabbi David Schochet** from 11:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. (When the Jews Stood at Sinai); **Rabbi Shlomo Hochler** from 1:15-2:45 a.m. (The Story of Ruth), and **Rabbi Yoseph Gansburg** from 3-4:30 a.m. (Chassidic Insights for Shavuot). The address is 770 Chabad Gate, Thornhill.

BAYCREST SYNAGOGUE SERVICES

Baycrest Terrace Synagogue, 55 Ameer Ave., holds Shacharit services weekdays at 8:30 a.m. and also Mincha, Maariv at 7 p.m. Shabbat services are at 9 a.m. preceded by Talmud studies with **Gershon Samonovits** at 8 a.m. For information, call **David** at 256-1600.

CAMP WISE REUNION

Former campers and staff members at Camp Wise, resident camp of the Jewish Communtiy Centre of Cleveland, are being sought for a Camp Wise reunion planned for next year. The names, addresses, phone numbers, plus the years they attended, the age of the camper and other pertinent information are needed. All information should be mailed to the Camp Wise Office, Jewish Community Centre, 3505 Mayfield Rd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio, 44118. For further information, call (216) 831-0700, ext. 350.

SHAARE ZEDEK GALA

Liberty Silver

Noted Toronto singer, **Liberty Silver**, will be among the special guest entertainers at the June 14 gala being held in celebration of the 90th anniversary of Shaare Zedek Medical Centre, Jerusalem's "Hospital With a Heart." The black tie event is taking place at the new Toronto Marriott Eaton Centre. Miss Silver is donating her time and talent. For information, call Sheila Dropkin at 781-3584.

INSIDE JERUSALEM

Inside Jerusalem, an exhibit that recently debuted at Jerusalem's 39 Steps Art Gallery, is now on view at Infinity Fine Art, 80 Spadina Ave., Suite 203.

The show features the work of eight prominent Russian artists now living in Israel. Inside Jerusalem takes its name from the painters' works which reveal Jerusalem as they discovered it for the first time. Special guest at the opening (May 30) was **Abrasha Rachkovsky**, the curator of the exhibition and the director of the 39 Steps Art Gallery. The exhibition ends June 20.

SHAVUOT

Chabad Lubavitch of Markham invites all to come to a Torathon Saturday, June 6, starting at midnight with a lecture by **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin** on The Talmudic Account of the Giving of the Torah, followed at 1:15 a.m. with **Rabbi Meir Gitlin** who will speak on Chassidic Insights into Matan Torah, and then farbrengen at 2:30.

On Sunday morning, the Ten Commandments will be read from the Torah at 9:30 and there's a special children's program from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A dairy kiddush will follow the services.

HAR ZION SERVICES

Temple Har Zion now runs a daily minyan at 7:15 a.m. Monday to Friday; 10:30 a.m. Saturday, and 9 a.m. Sunday and statuatory holidays. All members of the community are invited to participate.

for seniors

LZA Seniors Club announces a few seats are still available for the Catskills trip leaving July 26. Also, register now for the Showboat Tour to the Thousand Islands, Monday, Aug. 24. The Dance Group continues Tuesdays at 1 p.m. and the Cultural Discussion Group meets Tuesday mornings at 10. All activities take place at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. The next luncheon meeting, set for June 24 at 11:30 a.m., will be a celebration of Father's Day.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club upcoming events include a movie Wednesday, June 10, at 2 p.m.; Variety Show, Thursday, June 18, from 7-10 p.m.; Father's Day dinner and dance Sunday, June 21, from 7-11 p.m. (full-course kosher chicken dinner); trips to Niagara Falls June 16, Port Dalhousie July 7, the Catskills at the Raleigh Hotel (under New York Kashruth Commission) July 19-24. Also, day trips are available for members only at a cost of $5. For details on upcoming trips and activities, call 636-7856.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club has arranged the following trips: Homowack Hotel in the Catskills, July 20-28; Art Park to see *Cabaret* July 30, and *West Side Story*, Aug. 13; Shaw Festival to see *Pygmalion*, Oct. 28; two cruises, Fenelon Falls July 13, and Peterborough Locks Aug. 27. For information on all trips and programs, call **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923. Also, remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**.

Join **Young at Heart Seniors** at the Pines Hotel (under New York kosher law) in the Catskills, July 19-28 for only $890 including deluxe medical insurance. A meeting is set for Tuesday, June 16, at 1 p.m. at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. For information, call **Helen** at 462-0258, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. or 635-6343 after 7 p.m. JD-91.01

Thursday is seniors, day at **North York Community House**, 3101 Bathurst St., with fitness classes 10-11 a.m. (in co-operation with North York Parks and Recreation); current events discussion 11 a.m. to noon (in co-operation with North York Board of Education); lectures, bingo, bridge and other games 1-3 p.m. For information, call 784-0920.

Sunshine Seniors, 55 plus, have a fun-filled season of day trips planned including: June 25, shuffle off to Buffalo; July 9, Aston Villa Resort, Muskoka Lakes; July 16, Nottawasaga Inn and antique and flea markets near Wasaga Beach; Aug. 6, Ancaster Mill and Mary Maxim's outlet. Call **Sylvia** at 730-0503 for information on these and more upcoming trips.

Join the **Good Age Club** at the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch every Thursday from 2-4 p.m. for a variety of programs. June 4 meeting features a speaker from the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Annual fee is $10 plus $1 weekly charge. Call **Luni** at 924-6211 for information.

Everyone is welcome to join the new senior citizen club **Hadar** which meets every Monday from noon to 4 p.m. at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave., Thornhill. For more information, call **Viola Landman** at 886-2625.

Travel Club, a fun-loving group 50 plus, is going to the Finger Lakes July 10-12. Tour includes meals, Mark Twain Music Festival, dinner cruise and more. For information on next meeting or trips, call **Bernice** at 633-7034 or **Edith** at 638-3652.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

Get ready for a special Sunday event, Canada Day June 28 and celebrate Canada's 125th birthday at the Centre. Enjoy greetings from politicians, Bernard Betel Centre Creative Choirs, guest speaker **Bill Gleberzon**, live entertainment, games for all ages, barbecue ($3), and of course, a Canada Day birthday cake. It all takes place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and admission is free. Sign up at the information desk. For more information, call **Naomi** or **Shari** at 225-2112.

The JCC Singers will be entertaining at the Wednesday afternoon social, June 10 at 1:30 p.m. Charge is $2.50 members, $3.50 non-members.

at the JCC

The Jewish Community Centre North Y branch has arranged a 30,000 Islands cruise Tuesday, Aug. 18, that includes air-conditioned bus, 2½-hour cruise, Maple Leaf grain elevators, several islands, Giant's Tomb (legendary tomb), Midland area, gift shop, and more. Bring your own lunch. The price is $25 members, $28 non-members. Purchase tickets at front desk. For further information, call **Teme Kernerman** at 636-1880, ext. 364.

JCC North-East Valley branch reports there are still a few spaces available at Kids Kourt Day Camp for ages 2-5. It runs during July and August for two three-week sessions. Contact **Sofie** at 889-0813.

Twentysomething Downtowners (ages 24-35) meets for monthly programs at the JCC Bloor Y branch. To find out about upcoming events or to get on the mailing list, call **Luni** at 924-6211.

Bloor Y's Summer Fun Camp has limited spaces available for ages 4½-10. The camp operates four 2-week sessions. For a brochure, call 924-6211.

About People

ACA AWARD

The *Journal of the American Chiropractic Association* has honored two North York chiropractors with a prestigious award.

Drs. Arnie and Marshall Deltoff of Central Chiropractic Group took first place in the New Office Category of the American Chiropractic Association's architectural design competition. The contest was open to all new chiropractic offices in North America.

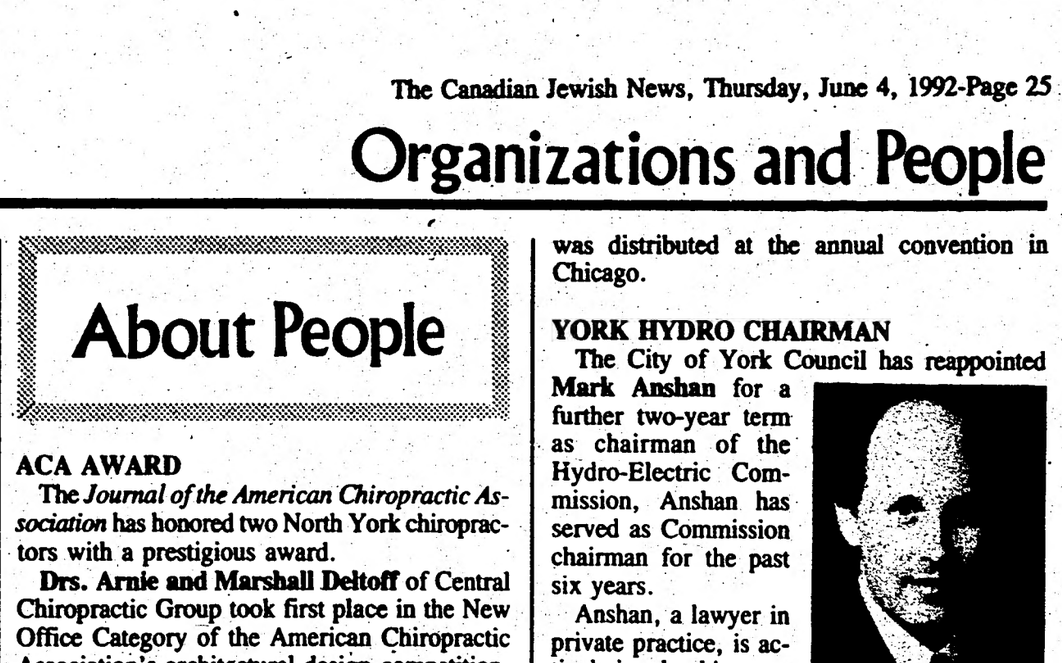
The clinic, located in York Mills Centre, is featured in the May issue of the *ACA Journal* which was distributed at the annual convention in Chicago.

YORK HYDRO CHAIRMAN

Mark Anshan

The City of York Council has reappointed **Mark Anshan** for a further two-year term as chairman of the Hydro-Electric Commission, Anshan has served as Commission chairman for the past six years.

Anshan, a lawyer in private practice, is actively involved in community affairs — Ontario region of Canadian Jewish Congress, Holy Blossom Temple, Kadima and Micah Homes.

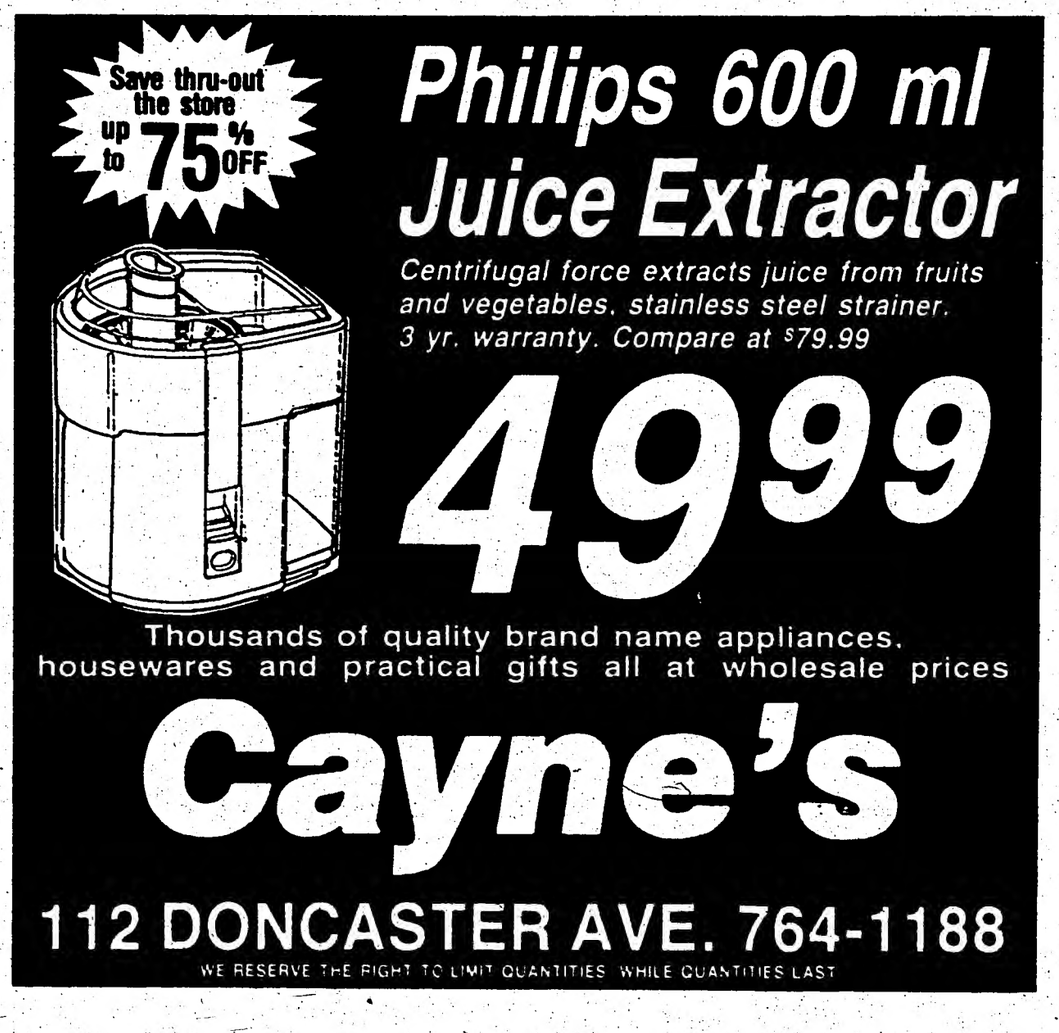


BONDS LUNCHEON

Pictured here at the Toronto Women's Division Annual Sponsor Luncheon for State of Israel Bonds are (from left) Elise Kalles, hostess of the event; guest speaker Marian Ungar Davis; Toronto Women's Division director and winner of the trip to Israel Gail Dombrofsky; U.S. national Women's Division director Michelle Seligman; Toronto Women's Division chairman Marilyn Rotenberg; and event co-chairman Reggie Levenstadt. Not shown is event co-chairman Yetta Randall.

CAMP MASSAD REUNION

Camp Massad Montreal's 45th anniversary will be held July 5 at the camp. Pictured here are reunion committee members seated (from left) Carol Schaffer Lifson, Wendy Fine, Mark Weinberg, Debbie Schaffer. Standing (from left) David Firestone, Leslie Levi, Merle Wolofsky Frankel, and Monica Cohen Bregman. Call the camp office at (514) 488-6610 or write Camp Massad Reunion, 7047 Guelph Ave., Cote St Luc, Que., H4W 1G8.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'De facto' peace with Jordan seen benefit of bilateral talks

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

There is already a "de facto" peace with Jordan as a result of the bilateral talks Israel is having with some of its Arab neighbors, an Israeli consular official said recently at a briefing here sponsored by the Jewish National Fund of Canada.

"There is reason for optimism about the peace talks," said Uriel Palti, information officer at the Consulate General in New York.

"The most substantial talks are with Jordan," he said. "Our trade relations with Jordan are better than they are with Egypt. The talks on environmental issues are going smoothly."

He suggested that even more progress would be made with Jordan except that "Jordan does not want to be seen as leaving the Arab world."

Even the talks with the Palestinian delegation are making some progress, he said. "What they want is their own government. We don't agree but at least we are negotiating. We've offered municipal elections but they want to elect their own leaders. We said they can run their own health affairs, but they said 'no, we want to run all or nothing.' But it's a bargaining position."

However, Palti said, Israel would not attend the multilateral talks in Ottawa on refugees and on economic issues in Brazil because the Palestinian delegation would include outsiders, thus not conforming to the ground rules for the talks.

"In the talks with Syria, they say, 'Good morning, when are you withdrawing from the Golan Heights?' or 'Good afternoon, when are you withdrawing from the Golan Heights?' But they have agreed to take a paper from us on our position and they are bringing their own paper to a meeting in Rome. So we are talking with Syria and that's a big achievement."

Palti was suprisingly upbeat about the current way Israel is being treated by the world's media. "We have done surveys and the situation with Israel is O.K."

The tremendous job of absorbing 400,000 olim in Israel is going ahead, despite difficulties, Palti said. "Give Israel five years for the olim to be adjusted. In New York at the turn of the century it took a whole generation for the immigrants to become adjusted."

Alan Posluns, national president of the JNF of Canada, chaired the briefing. Frances Mandell, Toronto chairman, spoke briefly. Palti was introduced by Ben Prossin and thanked by Donald Carr.

BBYO DANCE-A-THON

Members of the B'nai Brith Youth Organization, Lake Ontario region, recently held their fourth annual dance-a-thon and raised over $5,000 for regional programming in Southern Ontario and upstate New York. The 10-hour event was attended by youth from Toronto, Ottawa, Kingston, Hamilton and Buffalo. The theme for the evening, Club Med, Could You Imagine a Night, attracted over 350 Jewish teens from the Toronto community. At the dance is (from left) Matthew Taub, president, Chapter Tzion; Marc Altshuller, Chapter Yamit, Kingston; and Michael Silver, regional shaliach, LOR.

SINGLES EVENTS

Singles Events is an advertising feauture of The Canadian Jewish News. ***Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.*** *For rates or to place an ad, please call Alan at 422-2528.*

Atideynu Lodge (20's and 30's) presents: General Meeting on Tuesday, June 9th. 7:30pm. 15 Hove Street. Speaker Debbie Cowitz from Jewish Dateline, Topic "Single and Jewish in the 90's". Admission $3.00 members, $5.00 non-members. Contact Rob Shapiro, 882-5404. 10282

Metro Toronto Singles presents a Summer Beach Party at **Berlin**, 2335 Yonge Street (north of Eglinton). **Sunday, June 14. 8:00pm.** Featuring door prizes for the best summer or beachwear. Also presenting for our first time ever, **Selectrocution**: A computerized mingling game (high-tech flirting). Cover $10.00. **222-7111** for information. 10337

Metro Toronto Singles presents Concord Singles Weekend. July 9-12. Call **222-7111**. Optional deluxe bus available. 10356

Metro Toronto Singles presents our 2nd annual **Canada Day Summer Cruise** aboard the Tall Ship Empire Sandy. Wednesday, July 1st. Includes all you can eat dinner. **222-7111** for information. 10226

Business BEAT

Any interesting tidbits? Fascinating information?
Please drop a line to the Business Beat column that runs once a month in The CJN.

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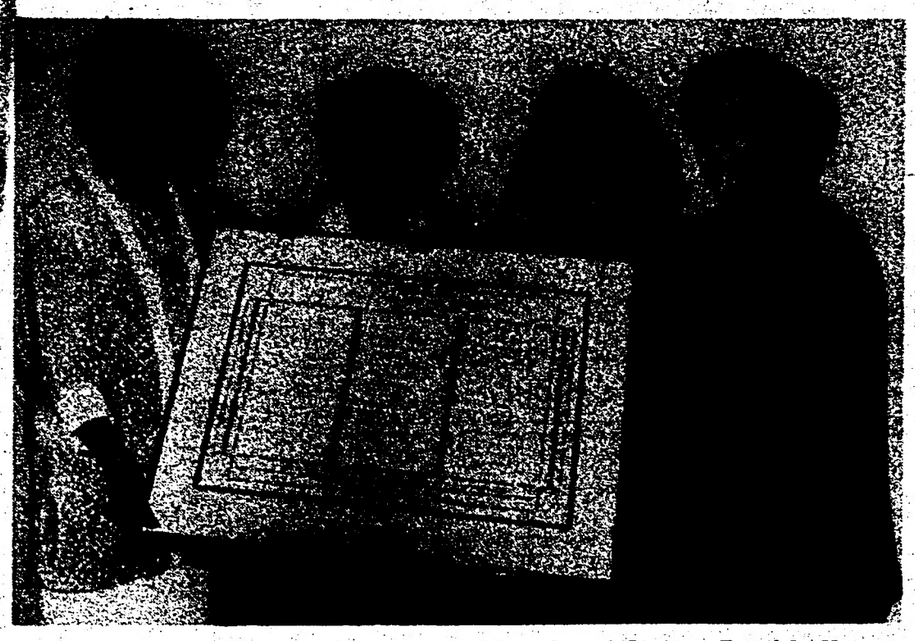
Jewish Community Centre

Rabbi Telushkin is the author of *Jewish Literacy - The Most Important Things to Know About the Jewish Religion, Its People and Its History.* He is also the co-author with Dennis Prager of *The Nine Questions People Ask About Judaism* and *Why the Jews: The Reason for Anti-Semitism.*



Eitz Chaim Mothers' Association past presidents (from left) Anne Botnick, Yvonne Kuhl and (far right)Nancy Silver, together with current co-president Chani Botnick, admire the commemorative plaque that was presented to the past presidents at the 1992 annual dinner. The plaque will hang at the Viewmount branch of the school. [Alron photo]

Eitz Chaim honors Max, Harry Korolnek

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

It was warm, elegant, haimish and glitzy — it was the 72nd annual Eitz Chaim Dinner, held this year at Beth Avraham Yoseph synagogue in Thornhill.

Over 700 people filled the banquet hall for the dinner, at which the honorees were Max and Harry Korolnek, longtime supporters of the school, and past presidents of the mothers' association.

John Kaplan, doing his first major stint as master of ceremonies, described it as "not just a function — it's a true celebration."

Kaplan himself is the fourth generation to be involved with Eitz Chaim Schools. He is the great grandson of Avraham Tanenbaum, a school founder, and grandson of Joseph Tanenbaum, a generous supporter of the institution.

There is much to celebrate, Kaplan said, when a school grows from seven children in a shul basement in 1915 to 1,200 children at three campuses in 1992. He introduced Sam Karol, brother of the honorees, who was one of those first seven students.

Most important, Kaplan said, is that while the facilities are more ornate, there is the same commitment to Torah as a way of life.

Divrei Torah by Grade 8 students Michal Basch and Shmuli Grubner were warmly received.

Rabbi Shneur Weinberg, senior principal of Eitz Chaim Schools, introduced 32 of 41 past presidents who were present to the audience. He praised the Mothers' Association as the organization that "cements the partnership between the school and the parents."

The former presidents received personalized Tehillim, copies of the book of Psalms, as well as a rose when they arrived.

Rochelle Rosenblum, accepting on behalf of those honorees present, reminisced about past activities, including teas, candy trees, and art auctions, and noted some of the accomplishments such as the purchasing of audio-visual aid equipment, and safe arrival and Tu b'Shevat programs.

She noted especially the early presidents, such as Yvonne Kuhl, who came from Florida for the event, Anne Botnick, Sue Magder and Toba Glick, who "set the tone and standard for future presidents to emulate."

Rabbi Mordechai Ochs said that Max and Harry Korolnek, who have been associated with the school since its inception (their father Itsche Meyer Korolnek was a major founder of the school) work "in the spirit of simcha and chesed."

He presented them with silver wine flagons on behalf of the school.

Harry Korolnek, speaking on behalf of himself and his brother Max, said that he is especially impressed with how the school inculcates middos (good character traits) in the students.

"This augurs well for the future of the Jewish people," he said.

He also praised the precursor to the Mothers' Association, the Halboshes Arumim, who had the challenge of collecting and making clothes and shoes for poor students, so that they wouldn't be too embarassed to come to school.

A sombre note was injected by board of directors co-president Phil Alter, who said that the school had been badly hit by the Board of Jewish Education's capping of school budgets.

He said that the school was forced to cut after-school and special education programs and increase class size to cope with financial constraints. However, he said, the situation was being closely monitored and every attempt was being made to maintain standards.

At the dinner, as well, the York Hill campus of Eitz Chaim Schools was dedicated to Joseph and Faye Tanenbaum, and the cornerstone to Kurt and Edith Rothschild.

The lobby, said Rabbi Baruch Taub, who presented commemorative plaques to the dinner's honorees, was dedicated to Max and Rose and Harry and the late Mary Korolnek.

Co-ordinator of the dinner was Joy Zigelman.

Archivist to give lecture

TORONTO —

On June 9, 8 p.m., Bronia Klibanski, internationally published archivist and historian at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, will be the featured guest speaker at Lipa Green Centre, 4600 Bathurst Street, 4th floor, in the conference hall.

The lecture will focus on newly acquired Holocaust historical data.

Found in the archives of Eastern Europe, the information is now open to Yad Vashem in Jerusalem for research and study. The majority of the information had been kept secret in the former Soviet Union.

Data includes the names of death camps, mass killing sites, ghettos, files of Nazi criminals and local collaborators, as well as hundreds of reports and personal testimonials of survivors.

The archival material derives from six different sources in Eastern Europe: collections of newspapers and magazines published by German occupation authorities; archives of the Jewish anti-fascist committees; and the archives of the newly Independent Baltic states.

For more information, contact Pnina Spetgang at the Holocaust remembrance committee at 635-2883, ext. 144.

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Owen Sound community marks Spanish expulsion

OWEN SOUND —

An invited audience of Jews and non-Jews came to historic Beth Ezekiel Synagogue in Owen Sound recently to mark Sepharad 92 in a program of pageantry, performance, videos, and food.

Marking the 500th anniversary of expulsion of Jews from Spain, the program was arranged by Rachel Rosenberg, World Zionist Organization emissary and education consultant for the Ontario Region, Canadian Jewish Congress, and Daryl Vernon of Toronto, who teaches at the congregation.

There are about 20 Jewish families residing in the Owen Sound area, along with some singles. Currently under renovation, the 80-year-old building housing Beth Ezekiel was recently declared an Ontario historic site.

The program began with secular music of the time of the Jewish expulsion from Spain played by Vernon on recorder and Gary Weinger on viola. Later, they performed 15th century dance music of the Netherlands, the destination of many Jews expelled from Spain.

Seven-year-old Ilan, son of congregation president Alyssa van Wyck, and 12-year-old Lea Weinger performed presentations illustrating the history of the period.

Other children participated in re-enacting "The Manual of the 12 Practices" — Conversos practicing mitzvos while outwardly maintaining Catholicism forced upon them. Kayla and Seth Ronald, Nathan Brooman, and Shawn and Jason Rich were caught by the Inquisitors studying books in the cellar.

Rosenberg explained that the program was intended "to shed light at long last on the rich history of Spanish Jewry and to provide some insight into the effect of prejudice and discrimination."

St. Catharines lectures look at Spain in 1492

By IDELE ROSS

ST. CATHARINES —

"The Jewish people are gold medalists in expulsion; from Italy, from England, but nothing can compare with the expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492," according to Dr. Shlomo Ben Ami, international president of Sepharad '92 and first Israeli ambassador to Spain from 1987 to 1991.

"Jews were the central pillar of the economy and culture. They were scientists, artists, poets and writers; to expell them was tantamount to expelling the Jews of the United States or Canada today."

Ben Ami was in St. Catharines as guest speaker at the first of a series of adult education lectures marking the 500th aniversary of the expulsion. He paralleled the Jewish existence in pre-Inquisition Spain with that of German Jews before the Holocaust. "In both cases, Jews excelled in their societies and it ended in catastrophe."

"Spain and Germany epitomizes the major dilemma of Jews in the Diaspora," he said, "an infinite capacity to contribute to the culture and economy of a country, but it's never a love story."

He also noted that King Juan Carlos' formal apology to the Jewish people for the expulsion is more than an historic gesture. "There most certainly are economic and political reasons for the timing of his apology." Ben Ami admitted that it probably has something to do with the World Games taking place this sumer in Barcelona.

The Moroccan-born scholar is currently a fellow of the Woodrow Wilson International Centre in Washington. He is also the brother of B'nai Israel Rabbi Joseph Ben David.

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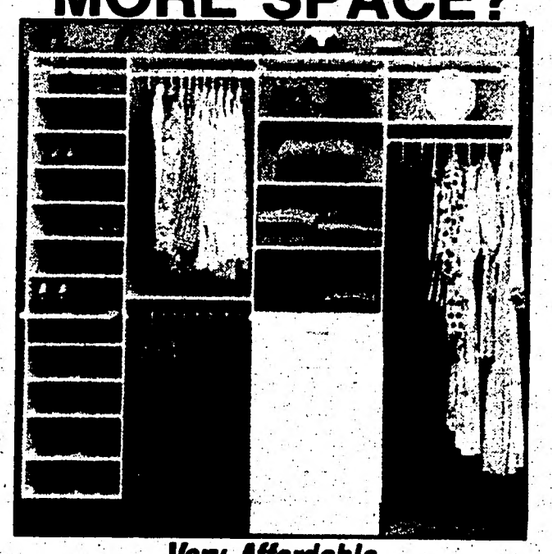
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Wicks' named 'spiritual parents' by Na'amat

TORONTO —
Ben and Doreen Wicks have travelled to hell and back — more than once. By camel, by canoe, on foot, across empty wastes in searing sun, risking their lives in war zones, Ben and Doreen have carried medical supplies to the world's victims.

As a result of their devoted efforts, thousands of children have been saved from death. That is why Na'amat Canada, an organization that helps to provide care to nearly 30,000 children in Na'amat Israel's day care centres and day/night homes, has awarded Ben and Doreen Wicks the honorary title of "Spiritual Parents of the Year." The award will be presented at Na'amat Adopt-A-Child Dinner June 10 at the Beth David B'nai Israel Synagogue.

How did a cartoonist/writer and a nurse/housewife with three children take on such a large personal share of the world's suffering?

With the Wickses, caring is a family trait. In 1978, an article that Ben wrote about an orphanage for blind and dreaf children in Haiti inspired their teenage daughter, Susan, to travel there to work as a volunteer during her summer holidays. Always the concerned mother, Doreen felt impelled to visit her there.

Ben Wicks

"I was appalled by what I saw," she says. "Little children with protruding bellies, mothers carrying babies stiffened with tetanus. Most pitiful was the sight of children suffering from intestinal worms."

After her return to Canada, Doreen flew to England to learn how to set up a pilot project for the treatment of children with these parasites.

Determined to set up her clinic where it was most needed, Doreen chose a remote mountain area and travelled there by jeep and canoe on a trip that took several days. The clinic that she established there (now run by an agency) has treated tens of thousands of children and still teaches the lessons in basic hygiene that Doreen introduced.

That was the beginning. Next, Doreen contacted 400 hospitals across Canada to ask for their older but still useful equipment. Hospitals, doctors and pharmaceutical companies began to respond with incredible amounts of medical supplies.

Soon Doreen had United Van Lines trucks doing free pick-ups of tons of material and moving them into Doreen's new warehouse. Things were getting out of hand.

In 1982, Doreen officially established Global Ed-Med Supplies (GEMS) which distributes about $1.5 million worth of aid each year in Third World countries. To accomplish this, Doreen works with a staff of three and a crew of unpaid volunteers.

Always, Ben has stood ready to help Doreen in her great venture. And it was Ben who made the most grueling journey of all. In 1985, responding to a plea by the Eritrean Relief Association, GEMS solicited 700 kilos of such drugs as streptomycin, anti-malaria pills, syringes, sutures and laboratory equipment (largely donated by Nova Pharms Ltd.) and, through the services of British Airways, had the 33 large cases transported to Port Sudan on the Red Sea.

Doreen Wicks with young Ugandan.

Ben saw the cases loaded onto a truck at the port and, travelling by Land Rover, escorted it on a dangerous journey to the Eritrean war front. For 15 hours, he endured a brain-numbing trip across trackless desert.

Finally, he reached what he calls "the back door into hell" — the crossing into the war zone. Travelling under threat of strafing or bombardment, by Land Rover and camel, Ben journeyed for 10 days through desolate country to find 6,000 Eritrean refugees huddled in tents of rags and branches beside a sun-baked river bed. Mothers held out to him their lifeless or dying children.

Collected, cleaned blankets

Everywhere, children with conjunctivitis, pus running out of their eyes, were going blind for lack of a 50-cent tube of medicine. Ben was emotionally shattered.

On his return, Ben and Doreen collected, cleaned and shipped 50,000 much-needed blankets to Eritrea, along with 15,000 tubes of ointment to save the children's eyes.

Any suggestion to Doreen that it is all too much, that she must be discouraged by the overwhelming need, is met by a gentle smile. "For me it's a challange," she says. "When you see people at bottom-of-the-pit level, the job is to get them out. If I have got just three people out of that pit, then I've accomplished something."

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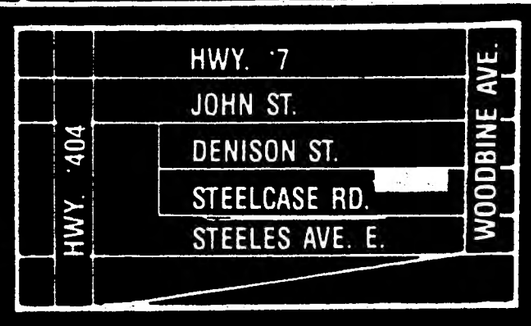

Arts

Arts centre committed to Judaism

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —

The graceful wooden tzedakah box in the form of a miniature Torah Ark is one of several pieces including mezuzot, seder plates, challah boards and fun things like Purim graggers and dreidels, produced at the Centre for Jewish Arts & Crafts founded by architect/craftsman Marvin Esser.

Esser, 27, who has had "an obsession" with crafts from early childhood, assisted in teaching pottery at the JCC northern branch and conducted his own classes for North York Parks and Recreation.

A recent architectural graduate, he operates a workshop on Colville Avenue in the Lawrence-Keele area, where he creates custom tiles for commercial and private clients. He is also apprenticing with artist/craftsman Ron Henig and expects to apply his knowledge of art and craft to a career in architecture.

He wants to reintroduce the old European hand-crafted aspects like slate roofing, ornamental brick, stone and wood — in restoring historic buildings and bringing character to contemporary construction.

The Centre for Jewish Arts & Crafts which he has established within the walls of his tile workshop, stems from a growing personal commitment to observant Judaism. "The whole concept of the centre is to continue some of the craft traditions that have been associated with Judaic articles of everyday life," he says.

"Like studying the laws of Judaism, studying craft traditions is another way to maintain our culture and heritage." He also hopes to revive some of the almost-forgotten Sephardi crafts.

He launched the centre modestly a few months ago with a series of classes for children and a Tuesday night adult drop-in workshop. With no money to start, he salvaged wood and castoffs from behind factories to build fixtures, and bartered for advertising space in a magazine by agreeing to repair the editor's furniture.

Esser is a one-man dynamo, supervising operations, designing the craft items and teaching his students the techniques of working with wood and ceramics as well as moulds.

He encourages innovation and his lively enthusiasm is so contagious that classes doubled in size within two months. Now, in response to numerous requests, a summer program "a kind of summer camp" is scheduled for August.

Two-week session, half days, will be offered for 7-18 year olds. Adult drop-in is ongoing.

Goldie Iczkovitz at the Centre for Jewish Arts & Crafts.

Regular Sunday classes for young people resume in the fall. Esser sees the centre growing slowly but steadily to become an institution within the community, consistent in quality of programming and workmanship.

For more information, call 614-3434.

Felder receives posthumous honor

TORONTO —

The book committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto has awarded the 1992 Penina Rubinoff Memorial Prize in Biblical and Rabbinic Scholarship to the late Rabbi Gedalia Felder for his last collection of commentaries, *Yesodai Yeshurun, A Collection of Comments* and *Notes on Maseches Avos*.

Prof. Adam Fuerstenberg, chairman of the book committee, said that in choosing Rabbi Felder's work, the committee was paying tribute, though posthumously, to Rabbi Felder's international stature as a teacher, sage, and religious leader.

The Joseph Tanenbaum Prize for Holocaust literature has this year been awarded to Drs. Kralina and Andrzaj Jus for their moving account of survival in Nazi-occupied Poland, *Our Journey in the Valley of Tears* (University of Toronto Press).

Renowned Yiddish poet and fabulist Peretz Miransky is the winner of this year's prize for Yiddish for his recent collection of poetic fables and poems, *A Zemer fun Demer* (Song of Twilight).

The award for literary scholarship on a Canadian Jewish subject has been won by Toronto's Dr. Rachel Fedhay Brenner for her masterful study of the poet A.M. Klein's work, *A.M. Klein, The Father of Canadian Jewish Literature:* Essays in the Poetics of Humanistic Passion.

Earlier the committee had announced that the winner for this year's award in fiction was Morley Torgov for his comic novel *St. Farb's Day*, while the award for poetry had gone to Sam Simchovitch's volume of English poetry, *Selected Poems*.

All prizes include a montary award. The committee this year will disburse $3,000 in total.

All six awards will be presented to the winners at a festive evening on June 18 in the conference centre of the Lipa Green building. Torgov will be the guest speaker. The public is invited and refreshments will be served.

Eye on Arts

The Satok School of the Arts presents *The Lotus Spell*, an evening of music and dance, on June 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Winter Garden Theatre, 189 Yonge St.

The Lotus Spell has been designed to increase public awareness concerning the need for a creative institute for children with disabilities. The Satok School artists, with the Randolph Dance Theatre, have crafted several dance vignettes involving children, as well as a spectacular oriental pageant.

The Satok School is a non-profit art school designed for children and adults with special needs.

Tickets are $25 each or $75 to sponsor.

For further information call The Satok School at 967-0780 or Winter Garden box office at 594-0755.

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An exhibition of Myra Lowenthal's recent works will go on display at Edwards Gardens Civic Garden Centre, 777 Lawrence Ave. E on June 11 and 12.

Lowenthal was born in Belgrade and arrived in Canada in 1952. She graduated from the Ontario College of Art in 1968 and has since had several solo exhibitions and has participated in many group shows.

A reception to launch the exhibit will be held June 11 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

For further information, call 967-1268 or 789-2577.

Dance companies

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Two soul-stirring Canadian dance companies — Ballet Creole and Me'irim Dance Company — will perform together at Toronto's Winchester Street Theatre at 8 p.m. June 16-18 in *Reflections*, a celebration of cultural passion and contemporary spirituality.

Artistic directors Patrick Parson and Shula Saltzman will present pieces evoking their heritages. Saltzman's work reflects the influence of Jewish consciousness on contemporary self-expression, while Parson's reflects a spirituality derived from his Afro-Caribbean roots.

The Me'irim Dance Company, founded in 1991, is one of three modern dance companies of its kind in the world, performing works influenced by Jewish heritage without using folk dance or traditional movement.

Its founder, Saltzman, was artist-in-residence at York University's dance department in 1991-92. Before leaving Israel in 1989, Saltzman danced with the Mirali Sharon Dance Company and choreographed for the Jerusalem Dance Workshop and the Kibbutz Apprentice Group.

The Winchester Street Theatre is located at 80 Winchester St.

For more information call 360-7331.

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Beth Sholom Brotherhood presents A Gala Concert on Wednesday, June 17, at 8 p.m. at Beth Sholom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W.

The concert will feature the ensemble group, Passage, with baritone Leonid Karpinsky, soprano Vera Kanshansky, oboist Senia Trubashnik and violinist Maya Rasooly.

Reserved seating is $25 and general admission is $15.

For more information call 783-6103.

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Temple Sinai is happy to announce that the Sinai Legacy Award winner for 1992 is 18-year-old cellist Igor Gefter. The Gefter family came to Canada two yars ago from the former Soviet Union and are members of Temple Sinai Congregation.

Igor Gefter began studying the cello at age 8 in Zaporozhye, U.S.S.R. He won numerous local competitions there and, at age 15, entered the Special Music School of the Moscow Conservatory. Before coming to Canada he also studied in Italy with George Pawhassar.

This gifted young performer will perform in concert on Wednesday, June 17 at 8 p.m.

Admission is free.

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The art works of the late world-renowned artist Jovan Obican will go on display at Darlene's Gallery of Art, 5919 Leslie St. on June 6 and 7.

The show will also feature many works of art by his son, Lazar Obican. The artwork consists of acrylics on canvas and paper, silkscreen seriagraphs, offset lithographs, some framed and some unframed.

Jovan Obican developed a large following throughout Europe and the United States during his life. He was known for his cheerful, recognizable style. Most of his works include a bird, his trademark depicting love, peace, liberty and happiness.

For further information call Darlene Newman at 490-0107.

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Scarborough Players is presenting the thrilling whodunit *Design for Murder* until June 13 at Scarborugh Village Theatre, 3600 Kingston Rd. at Markham.

Tickets are $10 and can be ordered by calling 396-4049 or in person at the theatre box office.

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The Arts Foundation of Greater Toronto is preparing for the sixth annual ArtsWeek which will take place from Sept. 26 to Oct. 4.

ArtsWeek is one of Metro Toronto's major cultural events and includes nine full days and evenings of scheduled events and performances celebrating all the arts.

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Arts

Edna Marcus, a client of the Reena Foundation, stands beside one of her acrylic on masonite pieces during opening night of *Vision*.

Reena exhibit exudes life

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Exuberance, a love of color and an enjoyment of life in general and the experience of art in particular burst through the paintings, sketches and sculptures by clients of the Reena Foundation on display recently at the Jewish Community Centre.

Entitled VISION — an exhibition of art by Reena clients, the show ran from May 14 to May 25.

At the opening reception, art show committee chairman Diana Swartz explained that three professional artists, Joan Krawczyk, Barbara Nyman and Ruth Wieder, worked with developmentally handicapped adults in the Art Production Program at Camp Reena and the Reena summer program last summer.

Participants were given the opportunity to work in various media, and the most outstanding pieces were chosen for VISION.

"We wanted to focus on their abilities, not their disabilities," Swartz said.

Zenana Akande, MPP for St. Andrews/St. Patrick, former minister of community and services, and a longtime supporter of Reena, said that she salutes Reena for its success in bringing out the often-hidden abilities of the developmentally handicapped.

She also praised the artists, many of whom were at the opening reception, saying it is important to "recognize excellence where it exists."

Harold Wodinsky, chairman of Reena Foundation, warned that "disabilities should never be compounded by the disability of others to realize what they [the disabled] have to offer."

Of particular note among the artwork were dye on plaster sculptures in delicate pinks, greens, and purples, sketches by Joseph Feldman, Christopher Marzola's cheerful oil pastel on paper painting of a man in a baseball cap looking at a flower, and Mary Mendonca's chalk pastel on paper rendition of fish.

In all, 30 artists were represented by 50 framed pictures and 30 plaster pieces.

Karen Shopsowitz produced a video to accompany the exhibition.

Women Yiddish writers' importance outlined

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

The contributions of women Yiddish writers continue to be ignored, the Canadian Jewish Historical Society was told recently.

"It is a lie that Yiddish literature is a single sex creation," Frieda Forman said. "Despite heartening signs of expanding Yiddish studies programs across the globe, women's contributions and women's texts are rarely, if ever, included in the curriculum."

Some measures to remedy this situation are already underway, said Forman, who is director, women's educational resources centre, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education.

In translation women Yiddish writers have also fared badly, she said, with the exception of Rochl Korn, Chava Rosenfarb, Bella Chagall, Anna Margolin, and Kadia Molodowsky.

Only by translating the works of Yiddish women writers will a mass audience be reached; translations already made are so popular they are included in women's studies and multicultural studies programs, she said.

Judica, born Yehudit Zik in Lithuania in 1898, became the poet of Spadina Avenue sweatshops in Toronto, Prof. Adam Fuerstenberg of Ryerson told the meeting.

The hardships endured by Judica, a failed marriage, the trials of a single mother, the death of her young son from leukemia, and 30 years of toiling at sewing machines in the garment district were reflected in her poetry, Fuerstenberg stated.

Her poems compare favorably to those of the Yiddish labor poet Morris Rosenfeld and while her Marxist ideology infuses too much of her work, she deserves a higher place in Yiddish literature than accorded so far, he said.

Shirley Kumove, author of *Words Like Arrows*, reviewed the writings of Chana Widerman, who was a contributor to the *Kanader Adler* in Montreal, the largest Yiddish newspaper outside of New York.

Warsaw Yiddish troupe set to perform in Toronto

TORONTO —

Chaim Avron says the survival of the Yiddish Theatre is a miracle.

The Toronto artistic director is ecstatic about the coming visit of the *Stars of the Ester Kaminska Theatre* from Warsaw who will perform *Joys of Yiddish* at the Leah Posluns Theatre June 13-17, with no performance Monday.

"With passion and pride, Shalom Aleichem's wandering stars from Poland, from Romania, New York or Tel Aviv are keeping alive the ever burning flame of the great tradition of the Jewish Theatre," Avron said.

Andrew Kolaczynski, the Polish producer who is bringing the troupe to Toronto, said it is their first visit to Canada, though he has travelled with it to Australia, United States and to other cities in Europe.

He said it took four years to arrange the Toronto date because of the troupe's busy schedule. A performance in Montreal would have interfered with a production by the Dora Wasserman Yiddish Theatre, he said, so the Toronto appearance is the only one in Canada.

Despite the decimation of the Yiddish-speaking population in Poland and the rest of Europe, the Yiddish Theatre has managed to survive, and it gives regular performances in Warsaw where most of the audience require headsets providing translation of the Yiddish language.

"They've tried to bury us many times but we keep coming back," Szymon Szurmiej, one of its premier performers, told *CJN* writer Sheldon Kirshner in Warsaw in 1983.

Other leading artists with the company are Golda Tencer, Henryk Rajfer, Alina Swidowska, Juliusz Berger and the Teresa Wronska Klezmer trio.

Kolaczynski said he has developed a tremendous respect for the company.

The consul-general of Poland is holding a reception for the company while it is in the city.

For further information call 630-6752.

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Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Jewish History and Thought by Menahem Mansoor (Ktav Publishing) $19.95 U.S.

From Text To Tradition by Lawrence Schiffman (Ktav Publishing) $16.96

History is a ship that carries our living memories into the future. It is a key that unlocks the mysteries and perplexities of the unknown. Indeed, the study of history provides not only knowledge but also wisdom. When we want to understand what is happening today, or try to decide what will happen tomorrow, we must look back to the events of the past.

The survival of the Jewish people over four millenia is an unparalleled phenomenon. In the face of unprecedented trials and difficulties, Jews have remained steadfast in loyalty to their faith and teachings. Moreover, although always a distinct minority, Jews have contributed far beyond what could have been anticipated to the reservoir of the world's knowledge and culture.

Jewish History and Thought by a professor of Jewish studies is an innovative approach to a vast and formidable subject based on many years of successful teaching to undergraduates and to adult study groups. The author presents his material — from the biblical period to the 20th century — in easily digested form.

Filled with succinct and basic information on the developments that have shaped Judaism through the ages, this volume may be used for study, for browsing or as a work of reference.

From Text to Tradition deals with Jewish history, culture and religion from the last years of the biblical period to the era of the talmudic rabbis and their influence. This time span of about a thousand years coincided with the Persian, Hellenistic and Roman periods in Jewish history — as well as the birth and development of Christianity.

In fourteen brief but informative chapters, the author discusses the confrontation of Judaism with powerful alien cultures, the teachings of such sects as the Pharisees, Saducees and Essenes, the Jewish-Christian schism, the two major revolts against Rome, the destruction of the Temple and how the rabbis created the Talmud as a work of creative interpretation that made the continuation of Judaism possible.

Both paperbound books are enhanced by illustrations, maps and charts and up-to-date lists of books for further reading.

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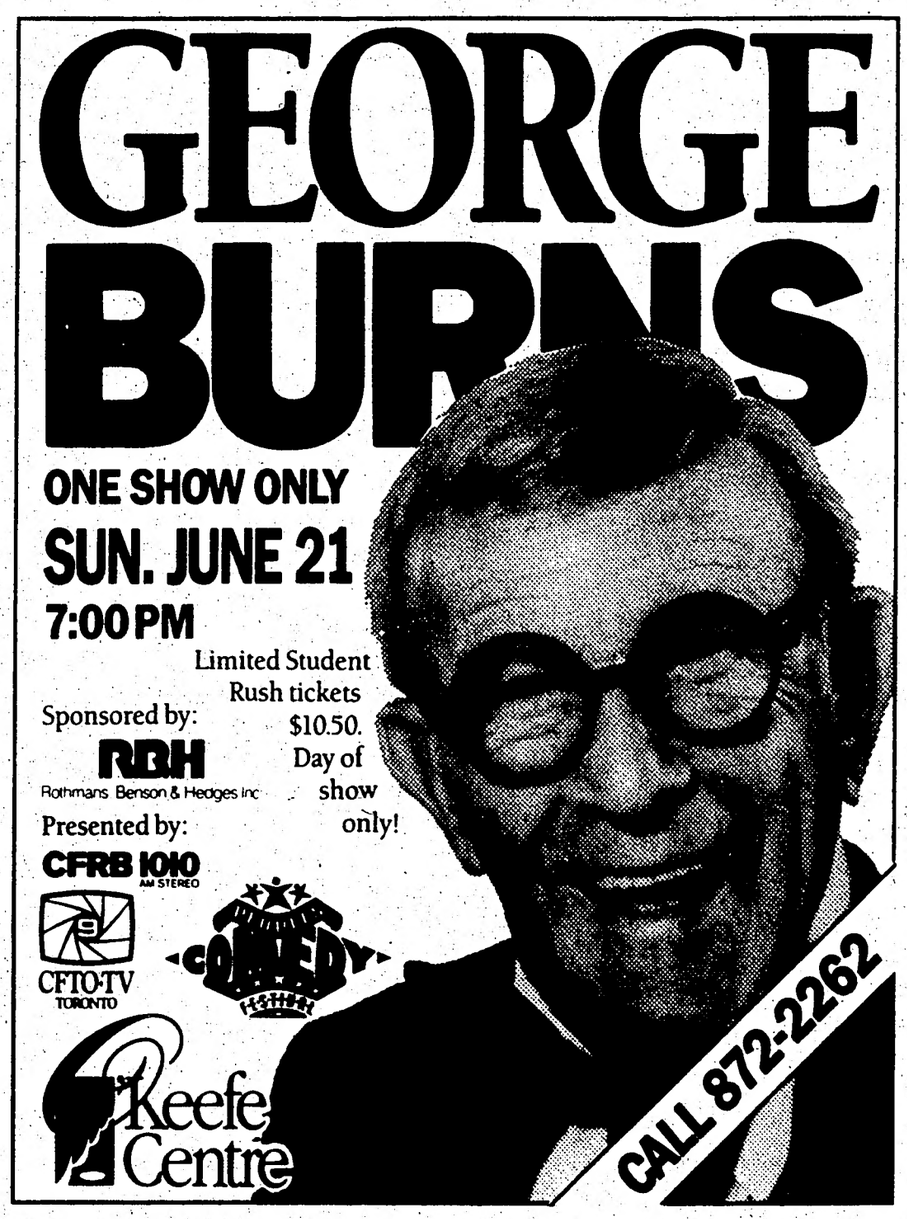
A Glossary of Jewish Life by Kerry Olitzky & Ronald Isaacs (Jason Aronson Inc.)

This compendium consists of 2,400 brief entries on such varied Jewish subjects as religious practice, daily living, literature, the Bible, theology, Israel, institutions and personalities.

The authors, both of them rabbis and educators, provide concise and authoritative answers to basic terms and knowledge that Jews should possess to call themselves literate.

From the first entry Ad Delo Yad (Drinking on Purim until one does not know the difference between blessing Mordecai and cursing Haman), to the last entry Zekhut Avot (The merit of one's ancestors which credits their offspring) this is a valuable tool in discovering what is essential to an "American Jewish culture code" that allows for mutual understanding, a common vocabulary of value concepts and a foundation of Jewish knowledge.



Travel

JNF helps plan simchas in Israel

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

More and more families, according to regional Keren Kayemeth emissary, Yigal Yardeni, are travelling to Israel for their children's bar or bat mitzvah.

But how many, he wonders, know that the Jewish National Fund can make all the arrangements.

Or that one can personally plant trees for any, or no particular, occasion when in Israel?

That one can pay here for the trees and receive vouchers to use in Israel?

And that if you have a project but have never had the chance to dedicate the plaque, the JNF will be happy to arrange it for you any time you're in Israel.

Not only that, but you'll also get a personal guided tour of Canada Park, the green belt area around Jerusalem, or other JNF projects.

All you have to do, says Yardeni, is call your nearest JNF office for information.

The JNF, he explains, has a religious department headed by a rabbi and besides making all arrangements for the ceremony, they will also supply everything from tallith and prayer books to certificates and commemorative pins.

Besides, planting trees in Israel to mark the occasion "makes it so much more meaningful," he adds.

One local couple who did just that were Dr. Mark and Linda Waxman, whose daughter, Robin, celebrated her bat mitzvah at the Western Wall in April.

Although their Toronto travel agent handled that bat mitzvah arrangements, they wanted to plant trees as well as have Robyn inscribed in the Golden Book.

Telling *The CJN* about it later, Linda can hardly contain her enthusiasm.

Next to that bat mitzvah itself, the tree planting ceremony in a JNF forest in the Jerusalem hills was "definitely a highlight.

"We were treated like kings and queens," she declares.

Besides her husband, daughter and 10-year-old son, Bryan, the group included grandparents Irving and Pearl Waxman and Frances and Lou Simms, and Linda's brother, Toronto dentist Dr. Stephen Simms and his wife, Marla.

A rabbi was on hand for the ceremony, they recited prayers as each of them planted a tree and, of course, a photographer recorded it all.

The JNF provided refreshments, all received certificates and mementoes of the occasion and finally, there was a tour of Canada Park and the Jerusalem hills as well as a visit to the Hadassah Hospital.

The latter was a special treat for Linda, vice-president of Hamilton Hadassah-WIZO Council and for many years one of its most energetic volunteers.

"We are all so impressed," she says of their treatment by JNF. "It made us all feel so wonderful."

Her only regret is that their two-week trip by minibus and with their own guide left them no time to visit the JNF building and see the Golden Book.

But the trip — the first for the younger Waxmans and Simms — only left them "hungry for more" and next time, promises Linda, "we'll see the Golden Book for sure."

And we ourselves had an opportunity to dedicate a project taken out long ago in honor of the 60th wedding anniversary of my husband, Bernard's parents, the late Morris and Sara Wolpert.

When he heard we were planning a trip, Yardeni suggested we do this. He informed the JNF Jerusalem office and all we had to do was contact Riva Simms of the JNF Canada desk upon arrival and give her a choice of two or three dates.

Punctually on the appointed morning, our driver, Mordechai, picked us up to drive us to Canada Park, where two workers were ready and waiting.

We dedicated the plaques, recited prayers and planted more trees, then "celebrated" with cold drinks and a snack provided by JNF. A simple yet moving ceremony on a glorious spring morning.

We strolled among the trees and on the walls of honor noted many familiar names on the plaques.

Mordechai informed us that Canadian Jews "give more to Israel per capita than six million American Jews" and that he likes Canadian Jews because "they are more warm to Israel" and "have more Yiddishkeit."

He then took us on a tour of the park and on through the green belt area around Jerusalem, the new suburbs and some of the new towns, all the while providing an informative commentary.

Travel guides worth exploring

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

The West Coast beckons.

Judging by the travel guides under review, it is certainly worth exploring:

Country Roads (Raincoast, $24.95) offers a traveller 24 short tours through British Columbia and southwestern Alberta. With Liz and Jack Bryan as your guides, you're lead to coastal forests, abandoned homesteads, ghost towns, railway tunnels, geological wonders and pretty ridge-top lookouts.

The color photographs of snow-capped mountains, crystalline lakes and gentle meadows inspire a desire to explore this stately region of Canada.

According to Fraser Bridges, the author of *Pacific Coast Adventures: The Driver's Guide* (Raincoast, $12.95), southwestern British Columbia is North America's third most popular vacation destination after California and Florida.

If you have a yen to venture toward Alaska and the Yukon, try leafing through *Northern Adventures* (Raincoast, $12.95), also by Bridges. There are 24 highway maps and information on campgrounds and restaurants. As a crowning touch, he provides tips on shopping.

I've often wondered why publishers take young travellers for granted. The following two books do not — *Kidding Around: San Diego* (John Muir Publications, $12.95) by Ruth Luhrs and *Kidding Around: Spain* (John Muir Publications, $14.95) by Betsey Beggs.

Both cater to a child's imagination: the writing is simple and to the point, while the illustrations are wistful and evocative.

I haven't been to Belize (formerly British Honduras), but I'd love to go after perusing *Belize: A Natural Destination* (Raincoast, $21.95).

Tucked underneath the Yucatan peninsula, Belize is remote, quiet and chock full of beautiful beaches, breathtaking barrier reefs, wildlife sanctuaries and Mayan ruins. It sounds ideal.

Singapore, as I personally learned last spring, is more than the sum of its sterile skyscrapers. Its old ethnic neighborhoods evoke the 19th century. Its food, a blend of Chinese, Indian and Malay cuisine, is superb. And its shopping is excellent, perhaps as good as Hong Kong's.

Singapore (Raincoast, $10.95) is a slim, pocket-size volume, but it's packed with readable data about this Southeast Asian city state.

If your horizons extend beyond Singapore, you can curl up with *Malaysia, Singapore & Brunei* (Raincoast, $18.95), a comprehensive book which runs to 421 pages.

TRAVEL TALK

By LEN BUTCHER

This city continues to amaze me. I have lived in four major cities in my life, all with populations of more than two million, and all with horrendous traffic problems. **Toronto,** however, is the only city that doesn't try to solve its problems.

When I heard that **Toronto** had become a city of lights, I didn't realize they meant traffic lights. It wouldn't be so bad if they were synchronized, but except for very few streets, this isn't the case.

Now the city traffic planners are recommending things like extra lanes for buses and more building of roads. I'll give them a tip for free. Forget bus lanes. All they do is take a much needed lane away from car traffic. Anyone who thinks that by putting in bus lanes will entice people to leave their cars at home and take that form of transit has to have mush for brains.

People like their cars. No, they LOVE their cars. It's their womb. They feel safe. They feel in control. They can look in the mirror to put on lipstick or comb their hair. They can listen to their favorite music on stereo or tape deck. They can scratch themselves or pick their nose, and, unless they're stopped beside a bus, nobody's going to see them. What more could they want? And city officials think they're going to give this up to ride on a bus packed with people and smelling like the inside of the **Leafs** dressing room?

What our esteemed planners want to do is take some simple steps.

First, synchronize the lights. Second, where minor streets cross major streets the green light for the minor street traffic should be limited to eight seconds. Thirdly, all major intersections should have advanced left-turn signals for at least 15 seconds on every light change in both directions. And last, but not least, as **Jay Leno** likes to say, cops have to start cracking down on drivers running red lights instead of hiding behind every bush in unmarked cars with radar, trying to fill their quotas.

Now you may ask, as you probably do about most of my columns, "What's that got to do with travel, **Butcher Man**?"

And I say to you: There's nowhere in my contract that I have to write about any particular kind of travel, nor any destination, so butt out or file a complaint with **The CJN's** ombudsman. Unfortunately, we don't have one, so you're out of luck. Tough break.

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Okay, let's lighten up. I've written three or four travel columns on my recent trip to **Israel** and I haven't even mentioned some key people who helped make it memorable.

First there was the man who should be given an award by the state for his untiring efforts in promoting this great land, **Yehuda Shen,** the director of the **Israel Government Tourist Office** here in **Toronto.**

Unfortunately, **Yehuda** will be leaving us in a few months to return to **Israel,** but I was able to have dinner with his replacement, **Ruth Ben-Tzur** and I want to tell you the **Ministry of Tourism** has picked another winner to fill this important position.

Then there was **Paul Manor,** an affable and very competent young man who works as the liaison officer in the Public Relations Division of the **Ministry of Tourism.** He made sure everything went smoothly and that I didn't create any national incidents. Despite my track record, he was able to succeed.

But the two men I spent almost all my time with were the ones that made it all happen. **Avraham Cohen,** my driver, who drove like he had a death wish. No, I'm just kidding, but I did have the distinct feeling that he'd watched too many **Indy 500s.** Aside from that, he was a gentle man who spoke perfect Hebrew and Arabic, but very little English, yet, through words, gestures and pictures (his children and grandchildren) was able to communicate with me with a minimum of difficulty. I have learned over the years of travelling that language has never been a barrier to developing friendships. You just have to go a little slower and take a little more time. But the extra effort is usually worth it.

Now for my guide. How can you not like a guy whose business card starts with the quote: "Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you..."(Joshua 13). **Aviad Sar-Shalom** is a layback licensed tour guide whose knowledge of **Israel,** the Bible, and nature blew me away.

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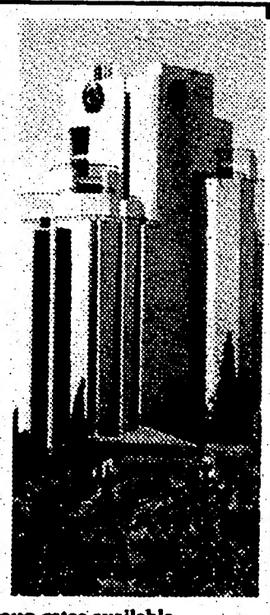

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Celle is known for its half-timbered architectural style.

Celle shul a reminder of Jewish past

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

CELLE, Germany —

It is not an uncommon phenomenon in Germany. Towns whose Jewish communities were wiped out by Nazism remember the Jewish dimension of their past with a synagogue.

Celle, a remarkably picturesque town in Lower Saxony, 40 kilometres northeast of Hannover, is not any different.

Celle, which marks its 700th anniversary in June, refurbished its one and only synagogue and re-opened it as a museum in 1974.

There is no longer an organized Jewish community here. It disappeared in the early 1950s and was not resurrected. Jews who had been incarcerated in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, which is not far away, were resettled in Celle. But after a few years, they either emigrated or drifted into larger German centres.

The five or so Jewish families said to be living in Celle today are affiliated with the community in Hannover. Celle's synagogue — which was built in 1740 and torched by the Nazis on Kristallnacht in 1938 — reminds visitors of the town's modest Jewish past.

Celle never had much of a Jewish community. In the late 19th century, it was home to about 150 Jewish men, women and children. On the eve of Hitler's takeover, Celle had 13 Jewish families.

Probably the most prominent Jew was Richard Katzenstein, a justice of the Prussian Supreme Court. He and his family immigrated to Palestine.

After World War II, Celle was deluged by more than 1,000 Jews who had been released from Bergen-Belsen. But they, too, eventually left.

The synagogue, which is just outside Celle's old walls, is small and simple, with a women's gallery. It is located at 24 Im Kreyse, and is usually open on week days from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

On display is a Babylonian Talmud in German, seder plates, goblets, prayer books and Chanukah candles. There are also lithographs of Moses Mendelssohn, the philosopher, and a photograph of Moshe Olewski, Celle's last rabbi. His term of office lasted from 1945 to 1950. A local source said that Rabbi Olewski went to New York City, and died there some years ago.

Celle, which is surrounded by the Aller River, is one of the few towns in North Germany that escaped Allied bombing, and as a result, it is perfectly preserved.

It is best known for its 600 authentic half-timbered buildings, dating from the Renaissance and Baroque periods. The oldest and finest of these are found on the Stechbahn/Zoellnerstrasse and the Schuhstrasse/Kanzleistrasse.

Hoppener Haus, which was erected in 1532, is widely considered to be the most beautiful building in this compact town of 73,000. Its lewdly allegorical wooden reliefs practically cry out for attention.

Jewish visitors who wander into Celle's historic Lutheran church, an architectural masterpiece, will immediately notice superbly-crafted Italian reliefs of the Jewish prophets, running the gamut from Amos to Nachum.

Alongside the ornate city hall, you will see red whipping posts with chains, to which prisoners were fastened until the 1840s.

Celle's landmark is the Herzogschloss, the seat of the Hanoverian ancestors of Britain's royal family. It is an impressive 600-room structure, with exquisite stucco work, rich wallpaper, sparkling chandeliers, exquisite hardwood floors and numerous oil paintings of royalty.

Germany's oldest ensemble theatre, which was founded in 1665, is on one of the top floors.

The Renaissance-era chapel in the Herzogschloss, with its collection of paintings by Flemish master Marten de Voss and his pupils, is captivating.

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For further information on Celle, contact the German National Tourist Office in Toronto, 175 Bloor East. Telephone: 968-1570.

Elvis, King, part of Memphis past

By HENRY SREBRNIK

"Poor boys and pilgrims with families, and we are going to Graceland," sings Paul Simon in his famous 1986 song. And indeed Graceland, the Memphis, Tennessee mansion that Elvis Presley bought for $100,000 in 1957 and that was to remain his home until he died 20 years later, has become the secular equivalent of a religious shrine. It is the second most visited private home in the United States (after the White House), and the Meditation Garden, where Elvis and other family members are buried, teems at all hours of the day with mourners laying flowers at the gravesite.

Tours of the mansion complex — which begins at the Graceland Plaza visitor centre — include the Trophy Room, where Elvis' guitars, movie scripts, gold and platinum records, career scrapbook, and various performing outfits are housed. The automobile museum includes his legendary 1955 pink Cadillac. Also on display is his personal jet, the Lisa Marie.

It is no coincidence that America's foremost rock star emerged in this city. Memphis has always been a major centre for black gospel and blues music — W. C. Handy, the "Father of the Blues" lived here, and Beale Street, near the Mississippi River waterfront, remains a hotbed of blues nightclubs and theatres. Rural Tennessee, on the other hand, is the home of white country and western singing.

In 1952, on downtown Union Street, Sam Phillips, a transplanted Alabamian, opened the Sun Records studio. Before the decade was over, his roster of artists — Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins, and a host of others — had synthesized these two traditions and had given the world what became known as rock and roll. Today, the old recording studio is a major tourist attraction. Nearby are the Centre for Southern Folklore and the Memphis Music and Blues Museum, both well worth a visit.

But one of Memphis' most important historical sites relates to politics, not music: A few blocks south of the downtown area, on Mulberry Street, sits the Lorraine Motel, site of the April 4, 1968 assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The motel has been transformed into the National Civil Rights Museum.

A major city with nearly one million inhabitants, Memphis also offers a tourist other attractions: See the Mississippi River Museum on Mud Island, a recreational park located on a sandbar off the Memphis waterfront, and Libertyland, a theme park of American history, located on the Mid-South Fairground. Look at the Pyramid, a spectacular, 30-storey sports and entertainment facility on the river. Visit the Memphis Botanic Garden in Audubon Park, particularly lovely in the spring when flowering trees like the dogwood are in bloom.

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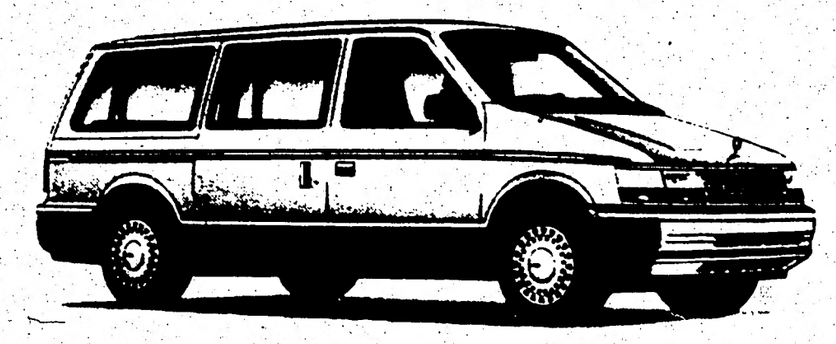

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Blauer behind Oris success

By ELAINE COHEN

MONTREAL —

There is nothing like bringing a little of Israel back home, especially if you can make a living doing it. Such is the case with Montrealer Leon Blauer, Canadian president and distributor of Gideon Oberson Beachwear and Oris Cosmetics.

Blauer's wife, Francine, a former television and film makeup artist, figures prominently in the Oris (Natural Sea Beauty) success story. Torontonian James Roy heads the company's national sales office in Brampton, Ontario. Other principals include Montrealer Ben and Martin Lieberman.

"Welcome to the private office that I seldom see," says Blauer settling comfortably behind the desk. Whether at his headquarters in the heart of Montreal's garment district or out-of-town, Blauer rarely rests. Business trips to Israel are consumed with meetings at Gideon Oberson headquarters in Ramat Gan and Oris Laboratories in Migdal Haemek near Nazareth.

A newspaper feature of his late father, Abraham Blauer, is prominently displayed on the office wall. The patriarch of Blauer Bros. (1924) was a pioneer in the Canadian cloak and suit business. "He lived to 98 and was alert until the day he died," his 57-year-old son reflects with pride. "I joined the firm in 1956 after studying engineering at McGill [University]."

However, by the early 70s, Blauer saw more of a future in imports than manufacturing. Subsequently, he picked up a couple of plum lines — Beighause of Holland, the first computerized coat company and Wahls of Sweden, the first co-ordinated sportswear firm.

"I travelled frequently but it wasn't until the late 70s that I sought out lines from Israel," Blauer recalls, adding his initial experience was disappointing.

Four years later, Gideon and Dina Oberson convinced Blauer to try again. "We met in 1982 at Igedo (International Fashion Exposition in Dusseldorf) and they asked me to take their swimwear line. Dina promised, 'You will never have a problem with us.' She was right. They have been the most reliable, ethical clothing company that I have ever dealt with out of Israel."

When Blauer resigned from Blauer Bros. International in 1986, the only thing he took with him was the Gideon Obeson line. The Israeli designer creates high-style lycra and cotton beachwear as well as other fashionable garments, marketed in 30 countries.

Coincidentally, Blauer met Francine, the same year he began doing business with Gideon Oberson. The couple was married in 1984. A second marriage for both, Francine has a 19-year-old and and Blauer has three grown children.

Firmly committed to Israel, Blauer believes the Diaspora population must reach out to boost business. "It'a admirable to give to charity but if a country lacks a strong economy, it's like handing someone crutches."

While their business prowess differs, both Leon and Francine insiste on marketing the best. "If it's a good product and made in Israel, we'll buy it but we won't support incompetence," says Leon Blauer.

"As for the cosmetics business, that's where my wife's initiative and expertise paid off," he continues. "Oris has involved three years of expense and enormous perseverance on Francine's part. In addition, much of our expansion must be attributed to James Roy and his sales team."

Having run a perfumery and makeup business, Francine was au courant with the latest research in skin care cosmetics. Impressed with the effective properties in Israel's Dead Sea products, she was determined to import a skin care line based on the minerals in the Dead Sea salt. After testing numerous items from different manufacturers, Natural Sea Beauty was selected for quality. Devoid of animal fats or derivatives, the kosher skin care products are never tested on animals.

However, the petite blond with the charming French accent did more than usher in Oris. She revolutionized the product line and suggested packaging tips. Francine's foresight and chief biochemist Dr. Uzi Reiss's scientific knowledge secured the development of a biodegradable cleansing soap that conditions the skin. At one point she said to Reiss: "You're from the land of miracles, make me a miracle."

Six months later, after four tests back and forth, the miracle arrived in the form of a biodegradable soap. The environmentally friendly cleansing bar is currently the company's best seller. Soon after, Oris requested the

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Cutbacks hamper Mayor Rowlands' economic plan

TORONTO —

In a recent address to the Associates Group of The Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation, Toronto Mayor June Rowlands stated that her city is in strong competition for business investment with both United States cities and local suburbs, all of which offer many incentives to prospects.

Her administration is working diligently to free the city of debt, the mayor explained, and is trying to keep taxation under control. Her efforts are being hampered, however, by cutbacks in funding from Metro and the province, which are having their own financial difficulties.

The city is being forced to develop an economic development strategy which was not previously necessary because of the financial and development boom here. But for the past three years, there has been a marked slowdown and spurs to the economy have to be found.

Trip to Israel

The mayor is also formulating a commission on homelessness which will investigate, among other things, why there are vacancies in women's shelters and yet many women are on the streets. Another committee will look into the high dropout rate of black students.

Mayor Rowlands will soon be making a private trip to Israel, at which time she plans to visit Shaare Zedek Medical Center and to meet with Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, a longtime acquaintance.

She was presented with a plaque in appreciation of her support for Shaare Zedek by David Smith, chair of the Associates Group. A plaque was also presented to Neil Vosburgh, president of Imago Restaurants, who had opened his Duncan Street Grill for the breakfast meeting and who has been a Shaare Zedek supporter for many years.

The Associates Group was formed several years ago to provide young men and women with an opportunity to work together on behalf of Shaare Zedek Medical Center. Their main area of support in the hospital is pediatric services.

At the present time, they are planning their second annual Golf Tournament, which will take place Thursday, July 23 at the Glen Eagle Golf Course in Bolton.

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Variety of products

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Blauer's input in formulating a mud soap. The result — a natural exfoliant biodegradable mud soap containing 30 percent Dea Sea mud.

"We suggested the bilingual labelling and the bar code and they (Eli Winter, Israeli sales manager, and Reiss) were most receptive," explained Francine, demonstrating the hand cream's capabilities. Among the products ranging in price from $6.50 to $36 are hand and foot creams, mud mask, body lotion, shampoo, moisturizing day cream, toner, cleanser and soaps.

Although advised to go multi-level, the Blauers decided to start with a prestigious company. After six months of product testing, Shelley Rosenwald, cosmetics buyer for Holt Renfrew Company Ltd., Toronto, agreed to launch the Natural Sea Beauty line in 1990.

Oris, the manufacturing arm of International Cosmetics Limited, is owned by Osem, the largest food concern in Israel, with an annual turnover of $200 million (U.S.). Last year, Charles Bronfman's Montreal-based Claridge group acquired a one-third interest in the company.

Natural Sea Beauty face and body treatment products by Oris are available at Eaton's from Halifax to Victoria, every Holt Renfrew, 16 Bay stores and 12 Sears stores.

Natural Sea Beauty products as displayed in department stores across Canada.

Tips to avoid vehicle thefts

One of the most frequent crimes plaguing Metro Toronto in recent months is thefts of vehicles and thefts from vehicles.

Underground parking lots are especially vulnerable, because perpetrators cannot be easily detected by police or passers-by. In 1991 thefts of vehicles increased by 51 percent over 1990.

Never leave your car with the engine running while you go into a store or home, even though in the cold weather you want the car to stay warm, and you'll only be gone for a minute. This is an open invitation to a car thief, and there is a bylaw prohibiting leaving your car running unattended. Resist the temptation and lock and park your car properly.

If you park your vehicle on the street, park legally under a street light if possible, or in a relatively well lit area, on a well travelled route. Lock all doors, and take all property out of the car. If this is impractical, lock your property in the trunk, where it won't be visible. Many victims lost presents left on rear car seats.

Don't leave your ownership and insurance papers in the glove box — these documents should be kept in your wallet with your driver's licence.

As a general rule, autos on the street are less frequent targets than autos in undergrounds. Many car alarms are available as well as locking devices for steering wheels; you may consider these options as well. Try to take as many precautions as possible to help deter thefts — don't let yourself become a target.

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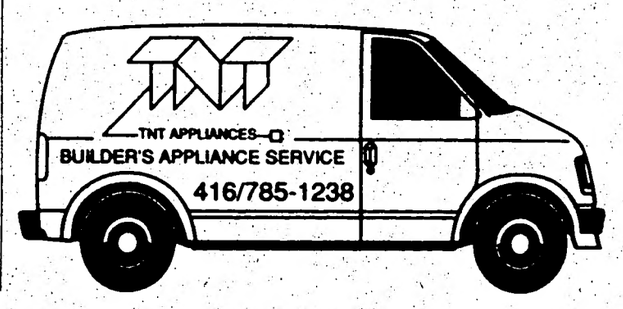

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Nosov, Harold on May 21, 1992, late of 3 Mylesview Place.
Sakowich (Sacks), Jack on May 21, 1992, late of 86 Dequincy Blvd.
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Goldsmith, Bessie on May 17, 1992.
Kalles, Bertha on May 14, 1992, late of 100 Canyon Ave., #508.
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Gilbert photos go on display

TORONTO —

To commemorate the 70th anniversary of Gilbert Photographic Studios, North York mayor Mel Lastman officially has opened a permanent exhibit at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care of 100 historical photographs, donated by internationally renowned photographer Albert Gilbert.

The collection, which was compiled by Gilbert from individual donations, the Jewish Federation of Toronto archives and the Gilbert Studio archives, features mounted and framed photographs depicting the Toronto Jewish community of yesteryear.

Entitled Down Memory Lane, the exhibit includes portraits of Governor General Georges Vanier, mayors Nathan Phillips and Phil Givens at the opening of the new City Hall and Nathan Phillips Square, and Chief Justice Bora Laskin. Also included are photos of sport celebrities such as Olympic sprinter Bobby Rosenfeld, Toronto's Goodie Rosen, who played with the Brooklyn Dodgers and led the National League in batting in 1945, and Maple Leaf star Alex Levinsky.

The Gilbert family has a long history in photography, with Nathan Gilbert opening his first studio 70 years ago in 1922. His son Albert Gilbert opened his first studio on College Street in 1944. During this time he mastered all aspects of portraiture and in 1949 was doing portraits of big band artists such as Frank Sinatra, Duke Ellington, Mel Torme and Oscar Peterson.

In 1955, Al Gilbert moved his studio to Eglinton Avenue West, where in the sixties he developed the natural window light style of portraiture, a style and interpretation in wide angle that gained him international recognition.

He was also commissioned by the Public Archives of Canada and the National Photographic Collection to do color portraits of 25 prominent Canadians of his choice. Included in this collection are Dr. Charles Best, co-discoverer of insulin, Group of Seven painter A.J. Casson and guitarist Liona Boyd.

Gilbert was awarded the Order of Canada in 1990 and holds the highest awards and degrees from Canadian, American and British photographic societies, including Canada's Professional Photographer of the Year from the Professional Photographers of Canada in 1968, 1969 and 1973.

The historical collection of photographs is being displayed in the newly refurbished Abe Posluns Auditorium at Baycrest Centre, which provides residential and day programs, as well as specialized services, to more than 2,000 elderly, from the well and active to the sick and frail.

This photograph of Sammy Luftspring is among the 100 historical pictures on exhibit at the Baycrest Centre.

Girls vie for gold at youth games

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

For the past three Maccabi youth games, the boys representing Toronto have been the class of the competition, capturing gold medals each time.

This year for the first time, a contingent of 15 teenage girls will be trying to match that impressive record, as Toronto dispatches a girls' softball team to the games in Baltimore, Maryland.

The games, known officially as the Jewish Community Centre (JCC) North American Maccabi Youth Games, are scheduled for Aug. 23-30. About 3,500 young athletes from across North America, including 100 from Toronto, are expected to attend.

As they were in 1986, '88 and '90, the boys expect to be gold medal contenders and girls' head coach Lou Silver believes he can field a team that will vie for top honors as well.

Los Angeles is the team to beat, he said, but with the recruitment of ace pitcher Julie Brooks ("she pitches as well as I do," he says) and catcher Jackie Cohen, Silver believes he has the backbone of a team that is a definite medal contender.

After the final roster is set, the girls, aged 13-16, will continue their Sunday practices at either Clanton Park or Hendon Park until August, when they'll boost it to two-a-week sessions.

Silver also plans to enter the team in summer tournaments to sharpen the girls' skills and get them ready for a medal run.

For more information or to inquire about assisting the Maccabi team financially, contact Silver at 881-3010 or 946-9442.

Charity seen as good for the soul

By RANDI DRUZIN

Charity is good for your soul, the way fruits and vegetables are good for your body, says author Rabbi Harold Kushner.

"Your soul is made so that certain activities are good for it, the same way your body is made so that certain foods are good for it," Rabbi Kushner said in an address at Leah Posluns Theatre, May 12. "Cheerfulness, kindness and generosity are good for your soul, but displeasure, meanness and selfishness are bad for it," he said. "They're toxic."

"Do something nice for someone three times a week. It will change the way you feel about yourself," said Rabbi Kushner, whose appearance was part of an Appreciation Event organized by the Jewish Community Workers' Division of United Jewish Appeal/Operation Exodus to acknowledge several individuals who have helped the Jewish community through various social service agencies.

Kushner, whose published work includes the books, *When Bad Things Happen to Good People* and *When All You've Ever Wanted Isn't Enough*, said that while a selfish person "never knows the pleasure of giving," a person who helps others is rewarded by "feeling good about himself," and is better equipped to deal with his own mortality.

"No one wants to live forever," Rabbi Kushner said, "but we all need to be reassured that our lives matter. Before a man dies, he wants to know that he's made a difference during his time on earth," he said. "No good deed is ever wasted. Every good deed makes the world a better place," he explained. "And that is all the immortality we can ever ask for."

Rabbi Kushner closed his address by urging audience members — many of whom work for Jewish social service agencies — not to "ration [their] giving. You have to bring a religious aspect to your work," he said. "You'll run out of love, strength and patience unless you think of yourself as a channel for G-d's love."

Historical society gets survivors' tapes

By MYRON LOVE

Interviews in several languages

WINNIPEG —

Winnipeg's Second Generation group has presented its videotapes of interviews with Manitoba Holocaust survivors to the Jewish Historical Society of Western Canada. The presentation of the approximately 125 hours of taped conversations was made at the society's annual meeting on January 9.

The small Second Generation group of descendants of Holocaust survivors, was formed in the mid-1980s. Over the years, it has held a number of public forums and participated in Holocaust memorial programs. About 15 volunteers did the interviews under the group's auspices in 1988 and 1989 with funding from the Manitoba Heritage Federation, the Manitoba Intercultural Council and the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba. CKND-TV provided most of the technical equipment and facilities.

"It was intreresting," says Harold Sosnowicz, chairman of the Audio Video Committee. "We tried advertising in the *Jewish Post and News* and other places. We got no replies. What we did was approach people we knew and talked to them in person. Our feeling was that other survivors, hearing about this from the people we interviewed, would then come forward. That is what happened."

The interviews were done with survivors from different countries of origin and in several languages including Yiddish, English, Ukrainian and French. The people interviewed were asked to sign release forms allowing researchers and other interested people access to the tapes.

Sosnowicz reports the original tapes are being stored in the Manitoba Provincial Archives while the Jewish Historical Society has a set of copies. Arrangements are being made to place another set of copies in Yad Vashem.

"The tapes were a good and necessary thing," says Sosnowicz. "The project gave survivors an opportunity to put their experiences on the public record and make others aware. Only a handful had second thoughts after the tapings and decided to keep the tapes."

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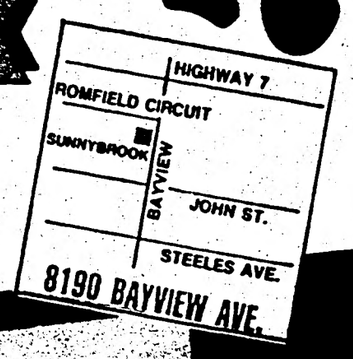

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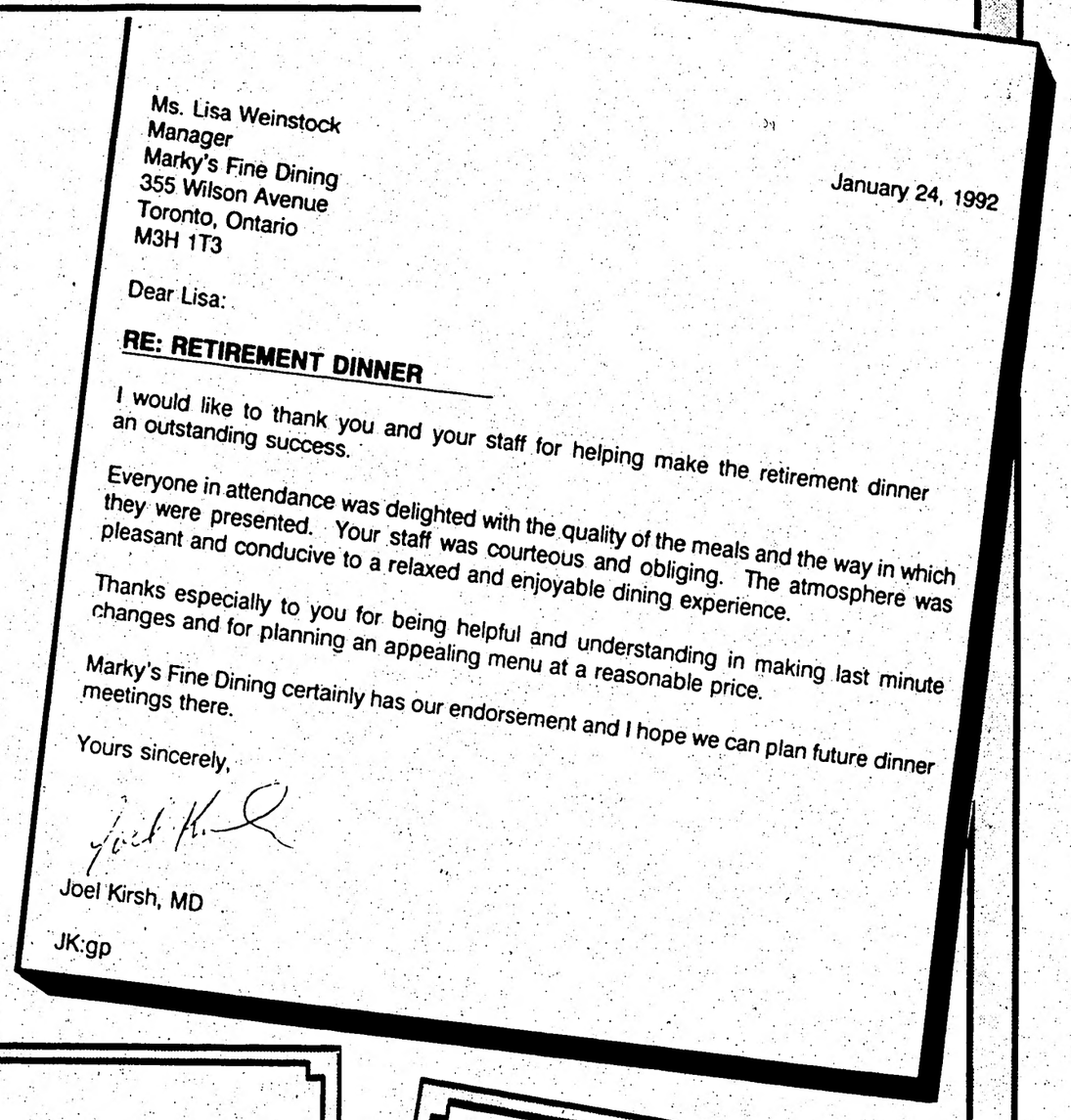

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The religious significance of mitzvot most memorable

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

Years after a bar or bat mitzvah, it is revealing what one answers when asked, "What was memorable about your simcha?"

After asking numerous males and females this question, it was unexpected to find how many spoke of some religious aspect of this memorable event.

They spoke of receiving a tallis and tfillin (phylacteries) and wearing them for the first time, they spoke of the accomplishment of reading in the synagogue or temple, the privilege of being counted in a minyan, the throwing of candies, of being considered "grown up," and receiving special books.

The beginnings of this ceremony are ancient. Abraham is said to have rejected idolatry at the age of 13 and references to this custom are found as early as the fifth and sixth centuries.

The bar mitzvah, which in Hebrew refers to the person who is obliged to fulfil the commandments or mitzvot, is marked by a ceremony of initiation.

In Torah law, it is not obligatory upon a male child to perform the mitzvot until the age of 13. For a girl, the bat mitzvah and her obligations begin at the age of 12.

The central feature of the bar mitzvah is the aliyah or "calling-up" of the boy to the reading of the Law. It has also been customary for a boy to give a talmudic discourse. To mark this part of the circle of life, the Maftir and sometimes the Haftorah are read. In traditional congregations, the bat mitzvah service is often a communal ceremony accompanied by special programs of readings and songs.

Reform Judaism introduced the bat mitzvah ceremony for girls which has now been adopted by some traditionalist segments of the community. The symbolic transfer of obligations of mitzvot from the parent to the child is a major milestone in the life cycle of an individual.

Throughout our history, the day of one's receiving of the obligations has been considered greater than the day of one's birth. The sages note that when a person is born, he is not complete and on the day the obligation of performing the mitzvot is accepted, he becomes complete.

This coming of age is cause for great celebration and individual families select the form of festivities to accompany the religious ceremony.

Cory Gillman (above) is pictured here at his recent bar mitzvah. Below, Rabbi Joseph Kelman speaks to Yael Ben-Dat at her bat mitzvah after she delivered her d'var Torah.

Book cites good planning pointers

By
FRANCES KRAFT

Planning a bar or bat mitzvah can be a daunting task for a parent. *The Bar/Bat Mitzvah Planbook*, by Jane Lewit and Ellen Epstein (Scarborough House, 1991), will probably answer most of your questions, although much of the advice consists of old-fashioned common sense, affirming what you already know.

"If you list one aunt, then all persons of a similar relationship should probably be included," shouldn't be something you have to find out from a book.

Notwithstanding, it's likely that at least one item will hit home as the one thing you left off your list. Perhaps the anecdote about the suburban New Jersey bar mitzvah where "two carloads of out-of-town cousins became hopelessly lost...disrupting the service while people already there nervously looked for them," will prompt you to double-check your own directions.

More practical hints about directions include photocopying relevant sections of a local map and marking different routes in different colors.

The authors run a bar/bat mitzvah consulting service in the Washington, D.C. area, and although they acknowledge the broad spectrum of Jewish observance from unaffiliated to Orthodox, it appeared to this (Conservative) reviewer that the bulk of the book was written with the very assimilated Jew in mind, beginning with the first section, Why Hold the Ceremony at All?

A quick thumbing through the book will turn up one of several reminders that the social angle should not override the religious significance of the bar or bat mitzvah. "Perceptions of good taste vary with individuals," according to the book, which offers this as a real-life example that "few will want to duplicate" — renting the Miami stadium, where cheerleaders were hired to spell out the child's name, Alternative "enhancements," which are more in keeping with the spirit of the occasion, are recommended.

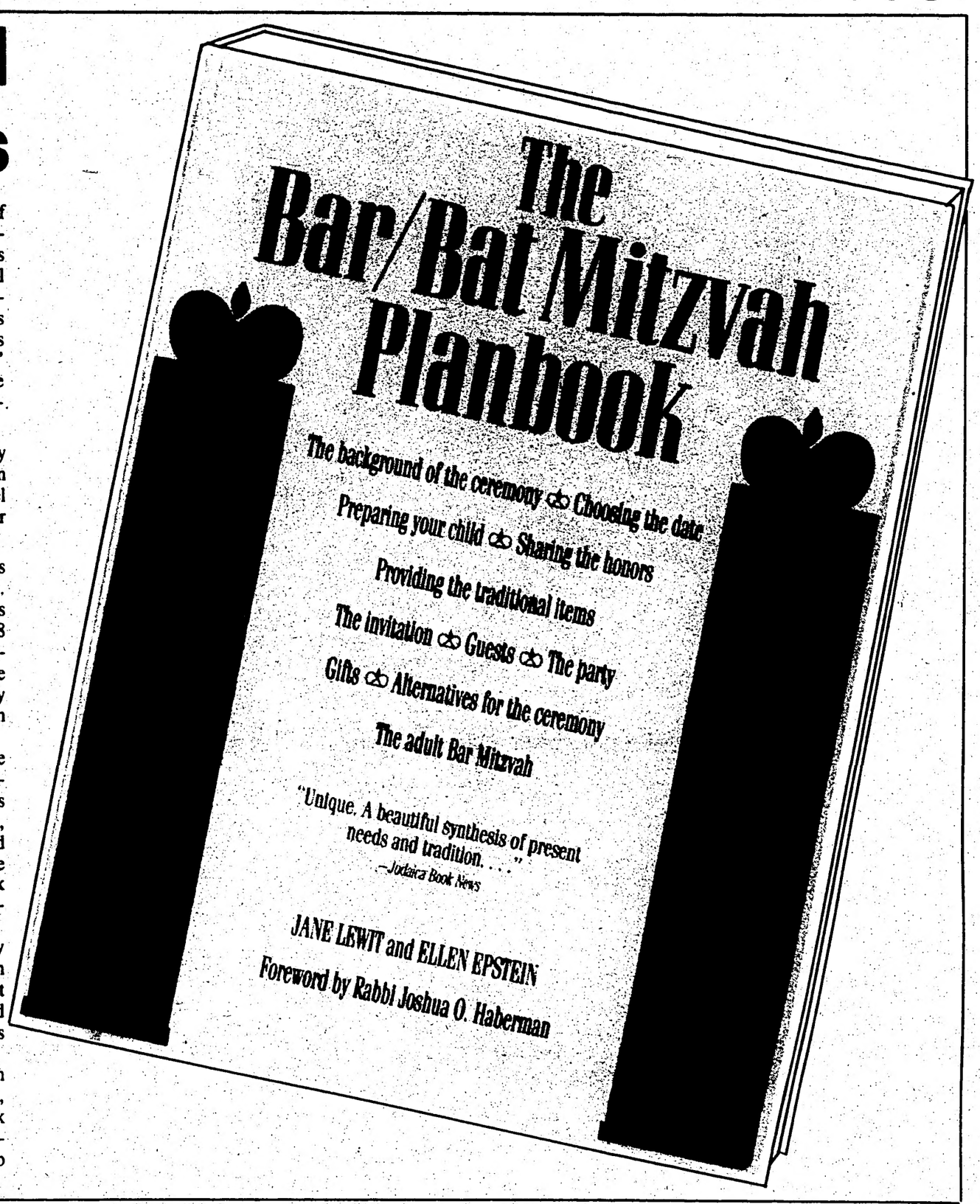
The section on guests is particularly helpful; it includes suggestions on how to make non-Jewish guests feel comfortable and how to arrange for the needs of Orthodox guests.

A section of charts and timetables is included at the back of the book. The 18-month countdown suggests that you start by selecting a date 18 months ahead of time, not a wise suggestion in a city like Toronto where bar and bat mitzvahs are commonly booked three or four years in advance.

A calendar chart to determine the child's Hebrew birthdate and corresponding bar/bat mitzvah date was hard to read accurately, but worse, the years 1982-89 were not included on the list. Presumably they will be included in a later edition (this book is a paperback version of the original 1982 hardcover edition).

I consulted the chart with my 9-year-old son in pleasant anticipation of his 1996 bar mitzvah. Had we not known his Hebrew birthdate, it would have been impossible to determine his bar mitzvah date from the book.

When 1996 rolls around, and I'm in the throes of bar mitzvah planning, I'm sure I'll be happy to have a book such as *The Bar/Bat Mitzvah Planbook* to consult, but more as back-up than as bible.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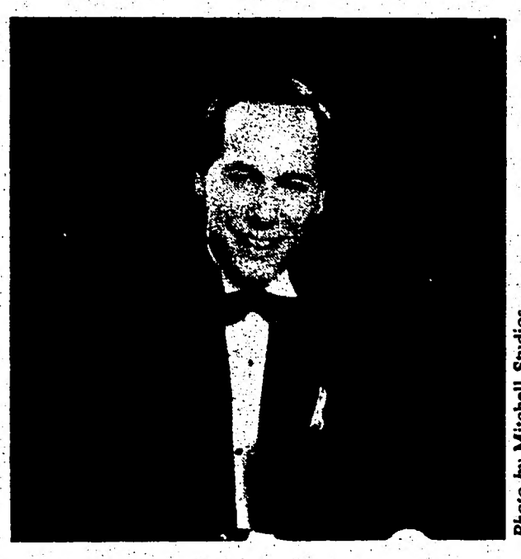

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By
CYNTHIA GASNER

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"I saw the trend emerging of managers and executives who turned to entrepreneurs — they left their corporate world and now work for themselves from their homes," says Koss.

"The '90s corporate buzzwords of quality and values, the resurging importance of family life and community involvement have integrated and are part of a growing number of new work ethics in these executive lives who now work from more comfortable environments. From a human interest angle, this is an exciting turn of events."

She explains that her company envelopes these ethics. "We create photo sculptures — 100 percent satisfaction guaranteed — of individuals, families, and community participants. The hand-made, individually designed, three-dimensional picture permanently bonded to sculptured acryllic is mounted on a base."

Koss has a long client list which includes Japan Camera, Motophoto and Sooter outlets. As well, party planners and caterers use the photo sculptures for weddings, bar and bat mitzvahs and family functions as centrepieces, gifts for grandparents and placed on signing-in tables.

Her clients also include the sports and recreation industries for trophies, which are personalized for baseball leagues, gymnastic clubs, dance studios and for just about anything you can think of.

Koss and her husband, Lawrence, a sales and marketing manager for an importing company, have two daughters, Marissa, 14, and Nicole, 11. She says that her family is involved with the business.

She notes that "there are three Rs for this decade: restructure, rehabilitate and resounding success."

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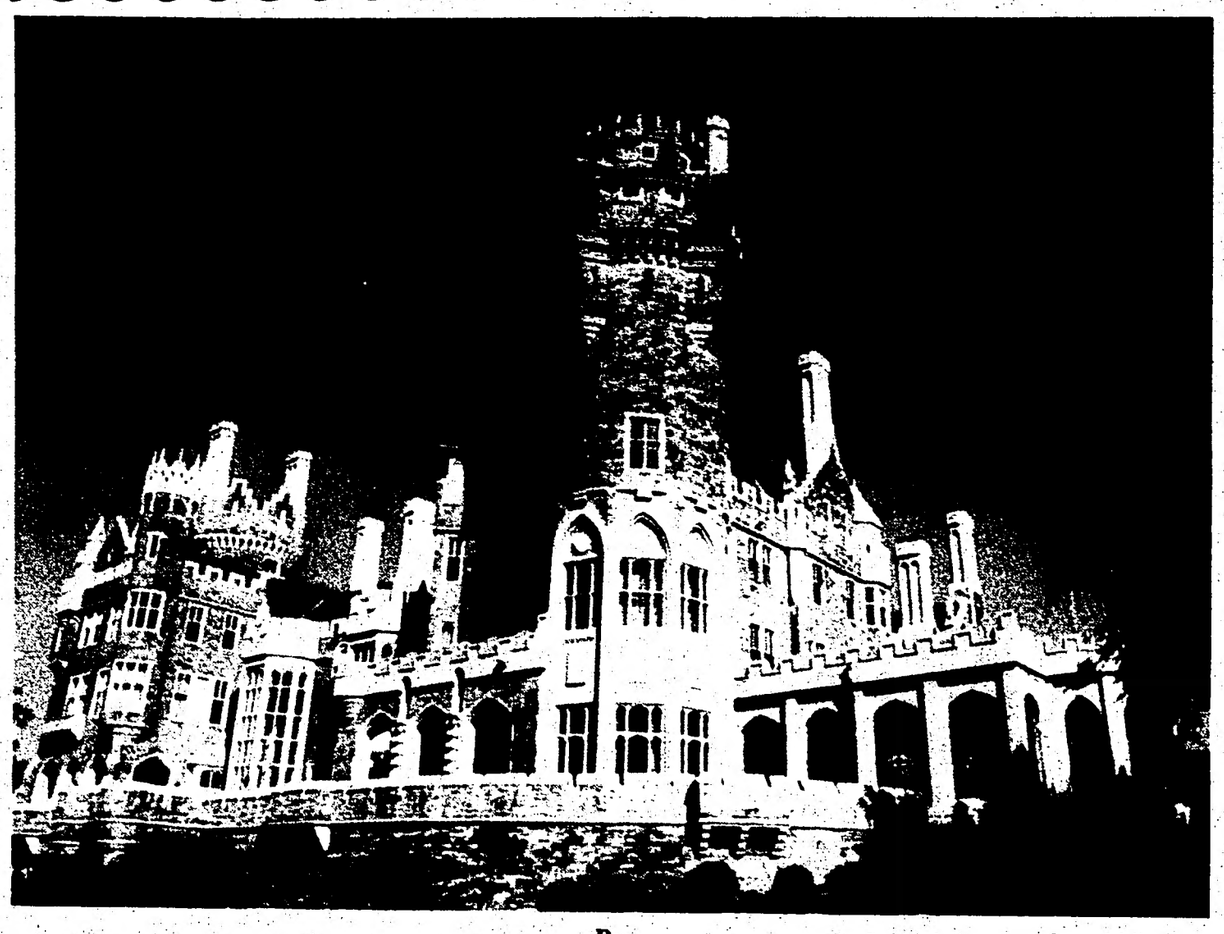

Location of simcha sets the tone of the party

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

If you'd like to experiment with a different kind of adult party, the Ontario Science Centre (696-3150) may have the right results.

Peter Theodoropoulos, assistant rental and reservations officer, says that the entire centre can be rented after-hours, giving guests access to all exhibits and demonstrations as well as the dining and meeting rooms. "This is a great way to entertain convention guests, hold company parties or host large anniversary or birthday parties."

He says that as well as a tour of the centre and its many exhibits and demonstrations, "we put together a scavenger hunt to make things more fun. We break the guests up into teams and give them a list of things to find and questions to answer about the exhibits. They really have a great time."

He adds that the centre does provide for chidlren's birthday parties but they are usually held during operating hours. "They have access to the exhibits, play a children's version of the scavenger hunt and then we rope off a certain area of the restaurant for food and drink."

He says that businesses often use the main auditorium to show films, hold large meetings or launch new products before they tour the facilities. "It really gives a nice touch to a business meeting."

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Subrizi says that for a kid's party, the DJs actually teach them how to put together a show. "They have the kids on stage singing, dancing and doing routines. The DJs often dress up as women and lip sync. The kids have a ball."

She adds that Studebaker's parties are modified to the age of the guests so adults and children alike can have a good time. "The staff really works at getting every guest involved in the act. It is not your typical bar or night club. They don't come to watch a show, they come for a whole experience."

People don't often think of Casa Loma, 1 Austin Terrace (923-1171), when they think of kosher functions but it has become a popular place to hold weddings, bar mitzvahs or any type of party.

Philip May, catering sales manager, says that Peter Graben has been catering the castle for five years and "the parties have been magnificent."

He says that when booking a party, hosts rent the whole main floor which consists of the dining room, a library and the great hall. "The dining room can be used for a formal dinner for up to 200 people, the library for cocktails and the great hall for mingling and drinks. Or else for a cocktail party of up to 1500 people, food stations can be set up in all three rooms. There are many choices of how to set up the party depending on the host's needs."

He says that as well as the great food, Casa Loma is known for its decor. "One room is splendid with historic oak panelling, and another is airy with marble and glass. Guests really feel as if they are at a formal function."

He suggests calling about one year before the date of the party and a tour of the facilities can be set up before booking.

Casa Loma, top photo, offers an historical setting for weddings and parties. Above, the conservatory features a luxurious stained glass dome.

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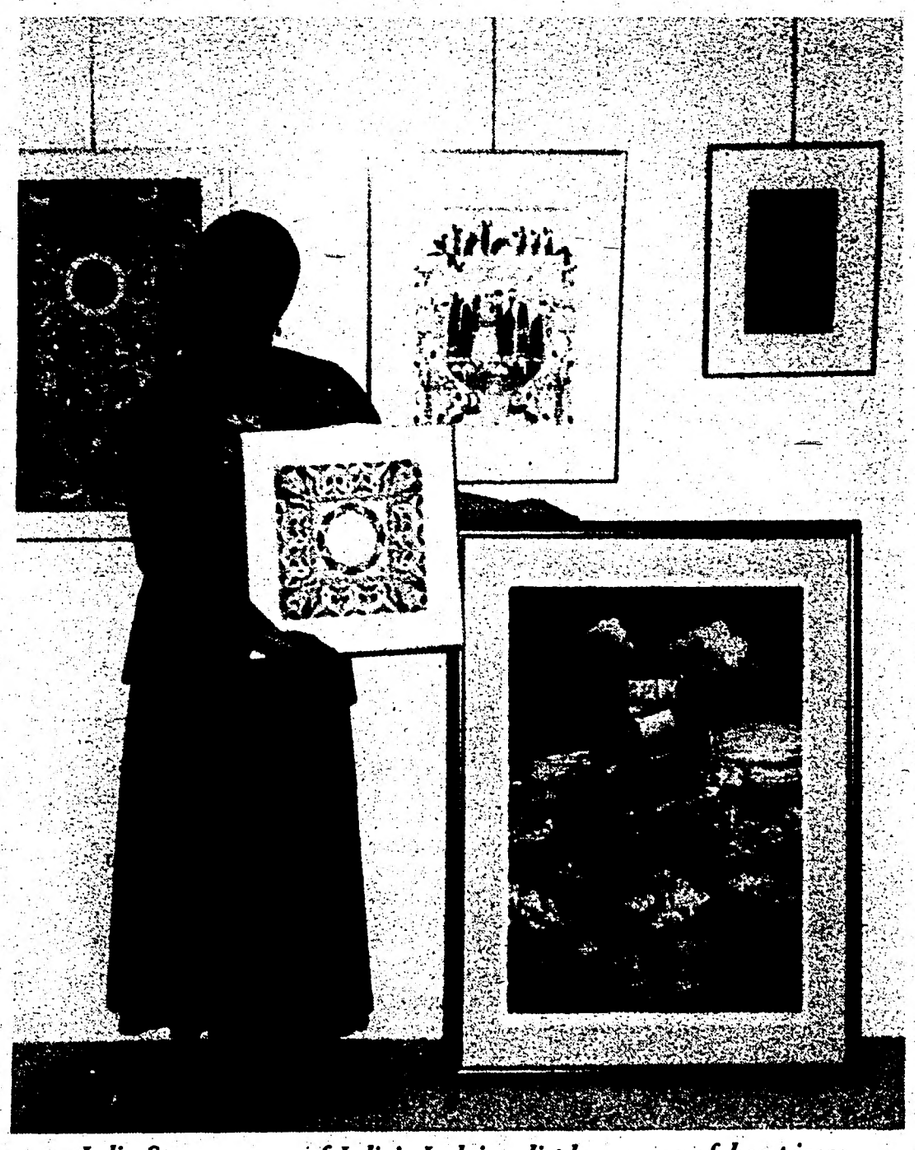

Julie Starr, owner of Julie's Judaica displays some of her pieces.

Aliza Starr is pictured here in the children's section of the exhibit.

Julie's Judaica supports Israeli artists

By CYNTHIA GASNER

Julie's Judaica, a gallery that displays and sells art and Judaica exclusively from Israel, was conceived by Julie Starr of Toronto during a shopping expedition in Israel.

"I was searching for beautiful, but moderately priced Judaica," says Starr. "I wanted my family and myself to feel our Jewish heritage around our home."

Starr, her husband and two young daughters spent six months in Israel after her husband completed his surgical residency in Toronto. He served as a volunteer in surgical services at the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem.

Her brainstorm came, recalls Starr, while she was visiting an exhibit of works by Israeli artist Elana Katzburg. Katzburg's watercolors, ketubot, mizrachs and other art works reflect her love of Zion and Jerusalem, says Starr.

"While admiring her brightly-colored intricate designs on parchment, Katzburg asked me if I would sell her works in Canada. This sparked the idea of a gallery of Israeli art works when I returned to Toronto."

Within three weeks, Starr had arranged to handle, on consignment, the works of more than 20 Israeli artists and artisans. On her return to Canada, she established Julie's Judaica.

The artists at Julie's represent a broad spectrum of different backgrounds and styles. Some of the artists are sabras while others have made aliyah from all over the world. She adds that some are already recognized in North America.

An internationally acclaimed artist whose works are at Julie's is Moroccan-born Raphael Abecassis, who recently exhibited his works in Los Angeles. The paintings are based on the horrendous events that led up to the expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492.

At the request of the Israeli government, Abecassis created the official poster for the quincentenary of the expulsion. In 1991, he was selected for a second time to create the official poster of Israel's 43rd Independence Day celebration.

Julie's also represents the dramatic and vibrant works of Shlomo Levi, "who speaks directly to the viewer" and Luba Bar-Menachem of the Soviet Union, now living in Israel. Recently, Barbara Bush, wife of the United States president, was presented with an original paper cut titled, *Eshet Chayil Prayer.*

Some of the items featured at Julie's include, silk and other fabric challah covers, matzah covers, tallis and tefillin bags, head coverings, hair accessories, ceramics, posters, kippahs and numerous paintings.

Starr says that the gallery has become a family affair. Her husband designed the Julie's Judaica logo and assists her with building displays and wall hangings. Her daughters also assist in the business with arranging the gallery displays and greeting clients at the door.

Pieces at Julie's Judaica are priced from $10. Starr says that "it is a good idea to purchase Judaica for weddings, bar and bat mitzvahs and housewarmings."

Starr says that she has planned a special show in June. For information of the event or for other inquiries, call Julie Starr at (416) 881-5788.

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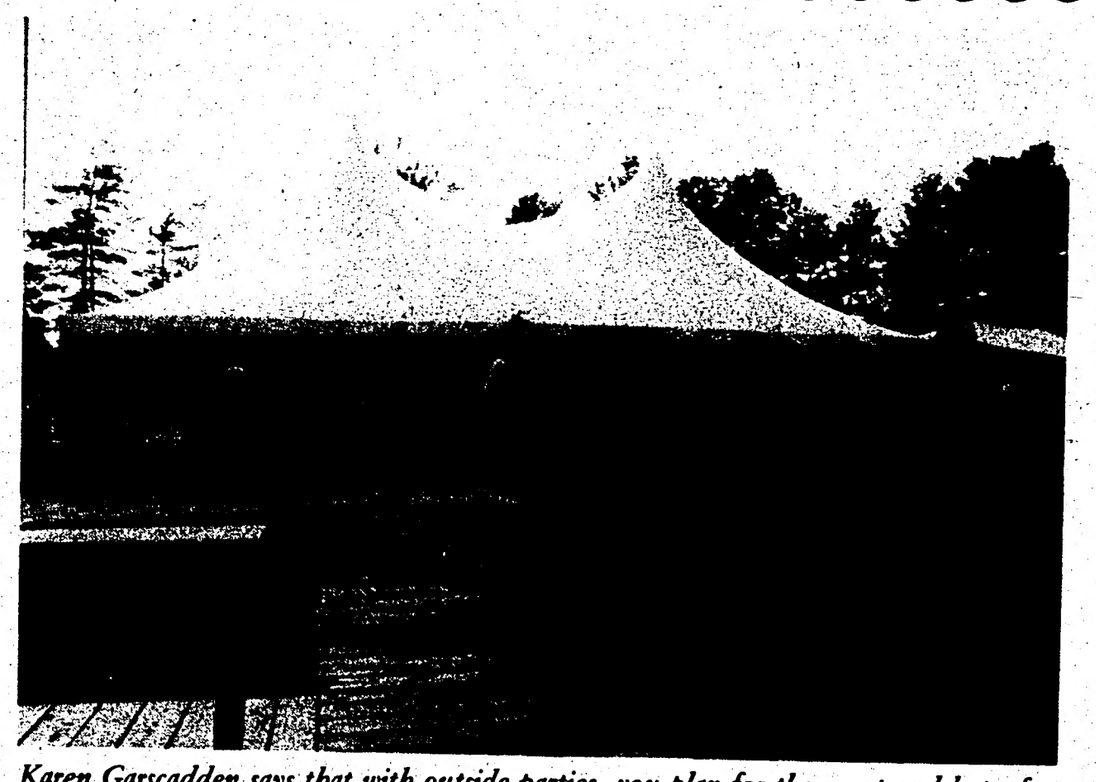

Karen Garscadden says that with outside parties, you plan for the worst and hope for the best.

Once the many details are set, outdoor parties can offer much in the way of entertainment.

Outside entertaining

By
RANDI DRUZIN

One summer night not too long ago, hundreds of people gathered in a tent to celebrate the marriage of a man to a woman. It was a simcha so joyous (naches abounded), that not even a torrential downpour could spoil it.

"There was a tent guy on call," remembers Karen Garscadden who organized the event with her partner, Karen Glassman. "And he was holding a side of the tent up with a broom. It was the only way he could keep the water out," she explains. "It was raining hard."

How hard was it raining?

"It was raining so hard," she explains, "that the rain drenched the fake grass we had put down to ensure that the ladies' heels wouldn't sink into the ground. By the end of the night, it was so wet, all the women had taken off their shoes. They were dancing in three inches of water.

"And the band had to relocate three times throughout the evening," she says, "so that the musicians wouldn't get electrocuted.

"Listen," she says, "when you plan an outdoor event — and we tell our clients this — you plan for the worst and hope for the best."

Garscadden and Glassman devote many hours to ensure that weddings, bar mitzvahs and other affairs run smoothly. Through their company, Up & Coming (886-8148) they "can take care of every aspect of an affair." Garscadden says it includes "food, entertainment, decor, invitations and other special touches."

Like fake grass.

"Most people prefer to play it safe, but there are those who want to have outdoor functions. And when you plan those affairs, there's a lot to consider," she says. "For instance, there's the problem of women's high heel shoes sinking into the ground (that's where the fake grass comes in), there's the fact that a makeshift kitchen often has to be built outside, and there's often a problem with washroom facilities.

"If you have a party in your backyard with hundreds of guests, you have to remember that the toilet in your house won't be able to accommodate two hundred flushes in one night.

"These are the kinds of things people often overlook," she says.

Garscadden and Glassman know the ins and outs of planning outdoor functions, from fake grass to see-through tents with sides that open-up to allow a cross breeze to soothe the heated guests.

An outdoor function is very expensive," says Garscadden, "but if everything is on your side (ie. the weather) there's nothing like it."

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Natural makeup

Before and after pictures from Francine Birken show a dramatic difference without a heavily made-up look.

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — Although every bride wants to look her best on her wedding day, it's common to be apprehensive about having a professional makeup application.

"Will I look like I have tons of makeup on?" is a familiar question to makeup artist Francine Birken (881-5527), who has been on the wedding circuit for about 10 years. Although the makeup may be heavier than the bride is used to, because of photographs and the fact that it has to last a whole day and evening, Birken goes for a natural look. "I don't like to see foundation thick or not blended," she says. Her greatest satisfaction is when a client thanks her for "making me look beautiful but still look like me."

Birken talks to her brides several times in the months before the wedding. "I want them to be comfortable," she says. "By the time I see

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More cosmetic tips...

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them its like we're best friends." She inquires about the type of makeup they usually wear and notes their preferences about the look they want to achieve.

On the wedding day, she leaves them with a tube of lipstick for touchups, and although she uses waterproof mascara, she shows tear-prone brides how to carefully blot away any tears before they run.

The trend this year is toward a natural look in makeup, says Birken. Earth tones are popular, and blush is minimal. The eyes are emphasized with a lot of mascara, and lips are defined with colors such as strong pink.

"People are tired of seeing brides look garish," says makeup artist Donald Mowat, whose career began when he did the makeup for a Grade 10 play at West Hill High School in Montreal. He has made a name for himself in television and film, including a 1988 Emmy nomination, and would like to branch out professionally to do more bridal makeup.

"A bride's look should be fresh," says Mowat. "You want to look beautiful and radiant, subtle but still beautiful."

The wedding gown should determine the makeup, he believes. "With a traditional dress, the makeup shouldn't be a big fashion statement," he says.

For many women, the traditional white dress can be "draining," says Mowat. "Playing up the eyes a little helps," he advises.

Skin tones and blotchiness can be corrected with powder. As far as Mowat is concerned, Dior is the only kind of powder to use. It even moisturizes the skin, he says, and is of top quality because it is very finely ground.

Ideally, of course, the skin wouldn't need much corrective work. For beautiful skin, Mowat's advice is probably what your own mother would tell you: don't smoke (it can make the skin look rough and discolored), drink plenty of water ("Every model I've ever worked with drinks gallons of water," he says), and avoid alcohol ("It makes the skin look terrible").

A bride who's never had a facial should have her first one at least a month and a half before the wedding, and another one 10 days before, says Bonnie Palmer, owner of Ete Salon.

More tips from Palmer: avoid the sun as much as possible, use plenty of moisturizer to compensate when you do spend time in the sun, and never go to bed with makeup on because it ages the skin.

When removing makeup and cleansing your face, stick to one product line, says Palmer, in order to ensure a regulated PH balance. Change to a different brand after two years, even if you love what you're using. "You can always go back to the line you like. After a while the skin gets tired of [what you're using] and doesn't respond."

She also advises giving your skin a break from makeup, especially in the summer. "In wintertime another layer of makeup would be very good on your skin to protect it from wind and cold weather. In summer, with most people a little bit of blush, eyeshadow, mascara and lipstick can do a good enough job."

"I think going without any makeup is vain," says Mowat, "but too much is equally detrimental."

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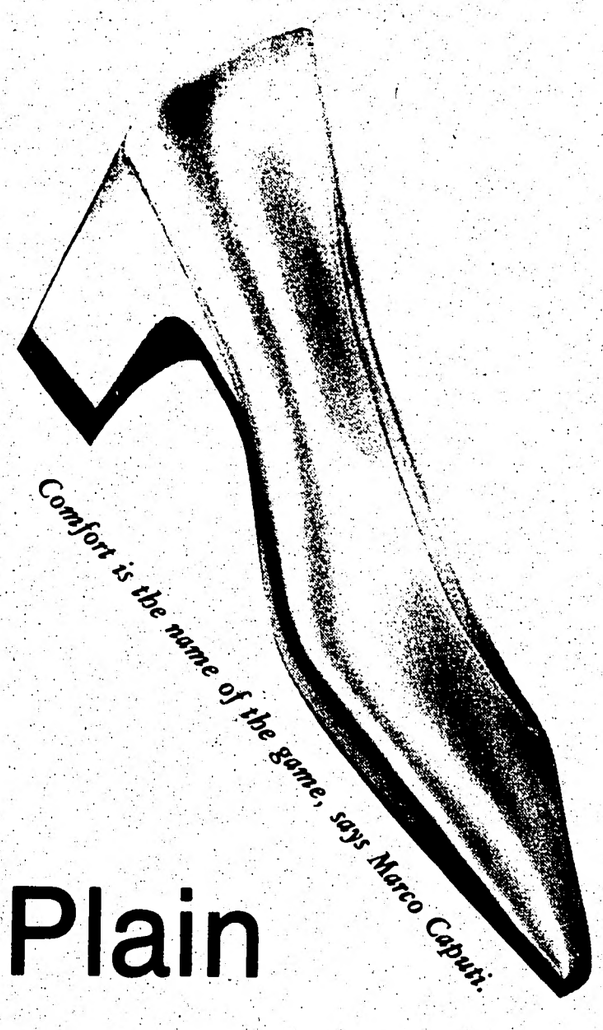

Plain pumps are popular

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

The satin shoe is out and pumps are in for brides this year, notes Marco Caputi, manager of Bocci Shoes (736-1732).

While plain pumps are popular, there is a growing trend towards shoes that are detailed with a mix of fabrics, stitching or pearls, he says.

The 2½-inch pump, which appears in a pearlized white, is generally chosen because of the formal look and the comfort factor.

For that special day, Caputi notes that most brides are concerned with comfort first, looks second.

Bridesmaids tend to choose similar styles but they are looking for colored shoes that will match their outfits. This season's more popular shades include the greens and purples, Caputi says.

Despite the fact that there is a general trend towards the sling back sandal in every day dressing for the summer, this is not something that has caught on for weddings, he says.

He attributes this to the fact that sandals or open-toed shoes are not as formal for those who are participating in the ceremony.

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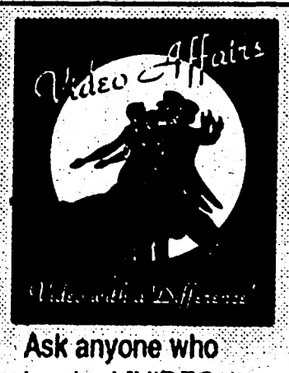

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Pictured here are some of the many styles of tuxedos and accessories that men have to select from for any occasion.

Pictures from Freeman Formalwear.

Black and black

Vests spruce up tuxedos

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

What's the newest in men's formalwear for the coming season?

According to Harold Simpkins, vice-president of marketing for Classy Formal Wear (514-861-5416), black and more black is a trend that is gaining in popularity.

He points out that while colored tuxedos, such as grey, have fallen by the wayside, the white dinner jacket, when teamed with black pants is a classic look for summer parties. Simpkins adds that some clients are also wearing white tuxedos.

He says that the formalwear industry generally only introduces one season per year and this is done in the spring. Consequently, Classy manufactures their pieces from a "light, tropical wool that is great for all-season wear."

As far as accessories go, bold, multi-colored vests, cummerbunds and ties are at the top of the list.

"The accessories are a way clients can put forth their individuality," Simpkins says, adding that Classy carries a large selection of paisley and striped patterns along with the solids that are available in many colors.

The double-breasted tuxedo is still a big seller despite the fact that fashion experts had predicted a decline in the style. Simpkins attributed this to the fact that clients who don't feel comfortable with a cummerbund, traditionally choose the double-breasted tux.

Recently, Classy was awarded the Canadian award for business excellence. As a response to publicity surrounding the award combined with a study that was done on the current economic situation, Simpkins says the company introduced premium pricing in April.

What this means for the Classy client is that all tuxedos are available for either $79, $89 or $99, depending on the style selected.

Classy Formal Wear is a third generation family company that has been in business since 1919.

Leonard Goldstein, vice-president of Freeman Formalwear (288-1919), agrees that the black tuxedo has re-established itself as number one while the accessories have taken over as far as color is concerned.

The new vests mix black with one, two or any number of colors. Goldstein says that the black background makes the vest appear subtle while the patterns and colors add life to the garment.

Some of the more popular vests feature paisley, the florals, an aztec and a tartan pattern.

Goldstein adds that there are many options as far as styling goes. The double-breasted jacket is extremely popular but many grooms still prefer the single-breasted as this is an easier, more natural style to wear.

He points out that the wider but classically proportioned tie is making a comeback to complement the wider lapel and longer collar.

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Picture from Classy Formal Wear.

Picture from Tuxedo Royale.

Glamorous styling

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There is also a movement to a bigger, bolder and more comfortable cut to the tuxedos. He adds that strong shoulders with lower cut armholes, a deeper V in front, a longer jacket and full trouser are in response to the physically fit trend that many people have picked up.

Freeman Formalwear has also moved the satin trim from the trouser to the waistband. Goldstein called this "an interesting touch."

The company has also introduced a deep, dark, rich green tuxedo in the Harris & Hobbs line-up for this year. Goldstein says that when the groom wears the green tuxedo, that shade stands up nicely when worn next to the ushers in traditional black. It's a fun way to do a wedding and still introduce a little color, he says.

Freeman Formalwear was founded in 1918 and their tuxedos are available all across Canada. The rentals range in price from $79 to $109, depending on the style chosen. He adds that the top rental of $109 is for those who wish to rent tails.

Patricia DeSimone, assistant area supervisor for Tuxedo Royale (798-7617), says that their stained glass prints and floral vests are popular. She adds that, as with the solids, the vests usually have some hint of the shade that is worn by the bridesmaids.

DeSimone says that the single-breasted tux is making a comeback but Tuxedo Royale's double-breasted peak lapel is quite popular. The trendy peg leg (a baggy body but narrow at the ankle) is also a hit.

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Mothers-of-the-bride outgrow chiffon

Wearability

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

Say the word wedding and automatically there springs to mind a long list of time-honored traditions. However, over the years, many of these traditions have been adapted to better suit the times.

Bridal party fashions is one area that best demonstrates the changing trends.

Margaret Burka and partner Ann Eliot, owners of Answer Salon (483-5663), carry fashions that suit two markets.

Mothers-of-the-bride will find a large selection of styles in the boutique in sizes that range from 16 - 24. Eliot says that more and more designers are realizing that there are other markets out there besides the petites, and consequently, the selection at the Answer Salon has grown.

As far as trends for mothers are concerned, Burka says her clients are looking for garments that are colorful and up-to-date. The days of the dusty pink gown have disappeared. In fact, she adds, fashions like these aren't even being worn by many grandmothers-of-the-bride.

Burka says that most mothers want something that they can wear throughout the season.

The biggest thrust is that people don't want a one shot outfit — they aren't event dressing anymore, Eliot adds.

At Answer Salon, mothers-of-the-bride can find two-piece suits and cocktail dressing in bright colors such as yellow, green and purple. Navy outfits are given life through detailing with sequins. Floral and mini-abstract prints are also popular, Eliot explains

Added comfort can be found in materials such as cotton, silk and European poly, a fabric that has the look and feel of silk, Eliot says.

While the salon does not carry fashions to outfit an entire bridal party, the owners do attempt to carry funky, fun and interesting playwear in those harder-to-find sizes. They pride themselves on the fact that they can cater to both ends of the price spectrum.

Answer Salon has been in business for six years and is located north of Lawrence on Yonge Street.

Betty Kestenberg Fashions (223-1838) offers bridesmaids a vast selection of styles for the coming season.

Daughter Sharon Kaufman says that black and white weddings are still popular but customers are also choosing gowns in gold, silver, cream and off-white, in materials such as chiffon with lace.

She says that extra detailing, using sequins and beading, is an option but this is an individual decision rather than an overall trend.

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Bridesmaids like the versatility of suitings

Styles from the 1992 Blue Bird collection.

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Some of the more popular styles are cocktail length gowns that are off-the-shoulder or strapless and worn with a jacket. Kaufman adds that because versatility is the key word in fashion today, suits are overtaking gowns for bridesmaids.

Generally, the style for suits is the longer jacket over a short skirt, she says.

One trend that has been noted is the party's decision to go with garments that are the same in color and fabric but not in styling. Kaufman adds that this will ensure that each member of the party looks her best.

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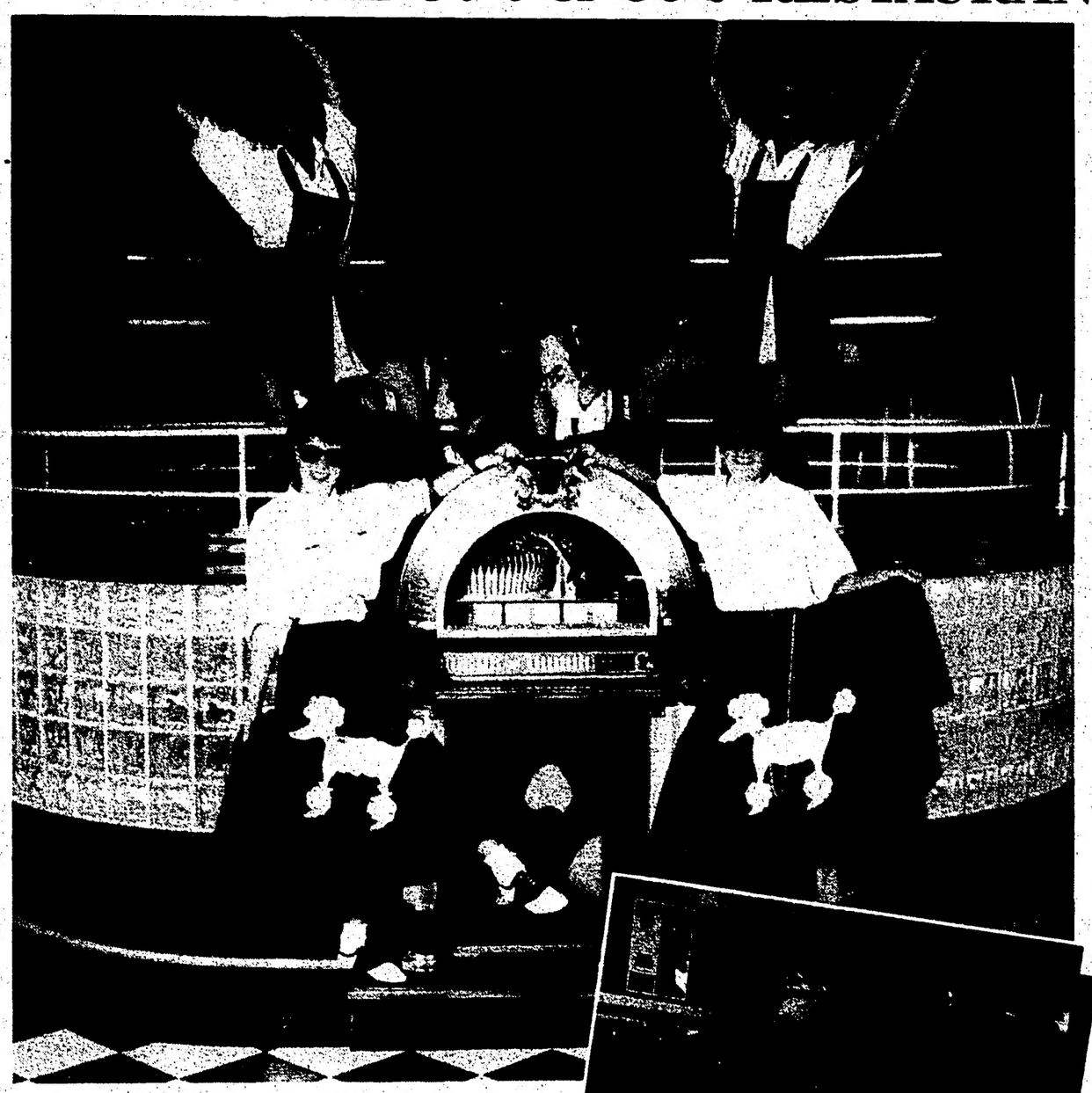

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Bridal registries are popular

Finding the right wedding present is always hard. You never know what to buy, and end up with something unimaginative like silver frames or candlesticks.

It must also be hard for the newlyweds to write sincere thank you notes to guests who gave them silver candlesticks, when the couple received 10 sets.

Many brides-to-be eliminate this potential problem by registering with department stores.

"This allows the brides to select the gifts they want and avoid duplications," says Jane Diplock, national gift registry co-ordinator at Eaton's (343-3779). It also gives the guests a feeling of satisfaction, knowing they're buying something the couple needs.

When people think of bridal registries they think of china dinner sets, table linens and other traditional items. Although these are still popular, many brides are also registering more unusual gifts.

"In the past, the gifts brides registered for were formal and traditional," says Suzanne Coté of Bowrings (288-9430). "Now they're also selecting items that are more informal. They're adding on household items, decoration pieces like vases and things that would add ambiance to a new home."

Other less traditional items being registered include pool and patio furniture. "While they're still looking for the traditional crystal and china, they're moving towards items like garden furniture and luggage."

Diplock says younger brides tend to choose the traditional dinner sets whereas older brides, who may be getting married again, tend to choose the unusual items, things they don't already have.

Coté says bridal registries are gaining in popularity because there has been a return to traditional weddings. "A wedding is a very important event in a woman's life and she's choosing a traditional way of doing it. Those who are getting married now want the same as their parents had and this includes the bridal registry." — J.S.

Floral trends

By JOSEPH SERGE

Throughout history there has always been one constant in wedding parties: flowers. Bridal dresses started long, went short and are long again. Receptions had bands, then DJs became vogue and now bands are hip again. But flowers have remained constant.

"Flowers don't go out of style," says Karen Taylor of Greene and Wilde Florist Shoppe (886-3181). "People still love roses. What you are looking for in flowers are tradition and elegance. We're creating a look that's elegant and different."

Shawn Dalgorf, the owner of Aberdeen Florists (441-3131), and his designer, Kayoko Smith, agree. "The customers are more demanding and want something original," Smith says. "Every party presents a challenge to come up with new and different ideas."

While roses and traditional bouquets are still the most popular, there has been a move towards the exotic. "Brides have gone from the traditional one-color bouquets to multicolors," says Angela Surdi of the Toronto Florist Shop (764-6332). The shapes have gone from round to a more free, loose, abstract type of bouquet.

The recession has affected the flower industry like anything else. Surdi says that during tough economic times, there is a resurgence to the traditional. "Pinks, whites, creams and anything soft and pretty seems to do well these days."

Fresh flowers are in. Silk ones are right out. "People pick fresh 100 percent of the time," says Dalgorf. "Very few ask for silk."

Today, seasons have only a minor affect on a bride's choice of flowers. "Lots of flowers are available all year round," says Dalgorf. Modern transportation methods make importing fresh European flowers easy.

Taylor, whose store receives three shipments of Dutch flowers a week, says that for the most part there is "nothing you can't have. A bride is regulated by the seasons a bit. You can't have tulips from June to December."

Some florists prefer that the clients not choose the flowers. "It limits the designer's ability to be creative," says Smith. "We ask our customers to give us a color scheme they want to work with but we ask them not to choose the flowers."

The color scheme is important. The bouquets and corsages must complement the bridal party's colors. "Red dresses do not go with a solid red bouquet," says Surdi. The style of the dress is also important. "A traditional dress does not go with a modern bouquet."

We have an initial meeting," says Taylor, "where we talk about the colors and the styles of the dreses. Then we make a sample for them."

When contacting a florist, you should give them enough time to prepare. This could be anywhere from two to three months for Aberdeen to six months for Wilde and Greene and Toronto Florist Shop. "We need enough time to go over the details," says Smith. "It takes two appointments to get to know the customers and get a feel for the flowers."

If planning a June or July wedding, it might be best to give a year's notice. Keep in mind that popular dates get booked up fast.

When you go for a consultation with a florist, take swatches of the dresses and pictures of the synagogue and reception hall, anything to help the florist with the theme and the colors of the wedding.

All experts say when choosing a florist, look for one with reliability.

"Lots of people can do beautiful flowers," says Taylor who has been in the business for six years. "You should make sure they're reliable, that they deliver. Always ask for a sample."

Dalgorf, whose store has been open for 80 years, says a good florist should stand behind the product. "Check to make sure a florist has the ability to do the work he promises to do," he says, "and you should make sure you're getting a top quality product at a reasonable price."

Surdi, who has been in the flower business for seven years, says the key thing is to feel comfortable with your florist. "When you walk out of a consultation, you should feel comfortable that you can make an informed decision on whether to use this person or not," she says. "You shouldn't be forced into doing anything they want you to do."

Surdi says service is important. The florist should take the time out to hear your question and not just throw a sample book at you and leave you alone.

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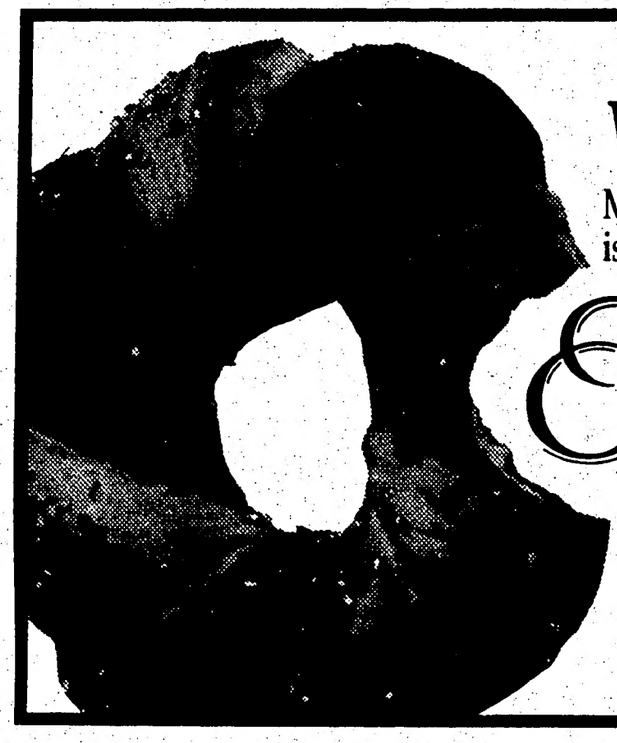

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The latest in bridalwear

By
MARLA KAY

One of summer's true pleasures is the sound of wedding bells and the sight of beautiful brides in the finest of satins and lace.

Ida Vivacqua, who began designing under her Talia label (652-5010) almost six years ago, emphasizes clean, simple classic lines which promise to bring the elegance of European styling back into bridal, evening and cruisewear.

The name Talia originated from Vivacqua's grandmother, Italia. Talia represents European roots and family. It also represents design; the Italian word "taglia" means to cut.

In 1985, Vivacqua decided to strike out on her own. For two years she ran a small studio in Toronto's Corso Italia at St. Clair and Dufferin. Working under the Talia label, she specialized in custom bridal and evening wear. Then in 1989, Vivacqua closed the studio and began working on her biggest challenge as a desiger — designing her own wedding gown.

It was during this time that she truly began to understand the meaning of her work. "It was only after I set out to design my own dress that I realized every gown has to be as individual as the person wearing it," explains Vivacqua.

Having designed not only her own gown but all the dresses worn by her wedding party, Vivacqua was inspired with the practical philosophy of keeping designs simple and classic. "My outfits are designed to be worn again and again; this is why my clients don't mind spending that little bit extra for original style and true quality. I have been very influenced by European styling that way."

Her private studio offers custom-design clothing in a very personal atmosphere, where every bride's true vision of beauty comes alive with the expertise of the designer herself. "My collection boasts the service and style that only custom clothing can offer. I create every garment with the attention that each individual client deserves. Each one of my designs is custom fitted to make you look and feel your best," explains Vivacqua.

Talia is presently working on two new collections. French guipure lace, peau do soie, crepe back satin and the rich duppioni silk enhances and emphasizes the elegant yet classic lines of Talia's Mother's Collection.

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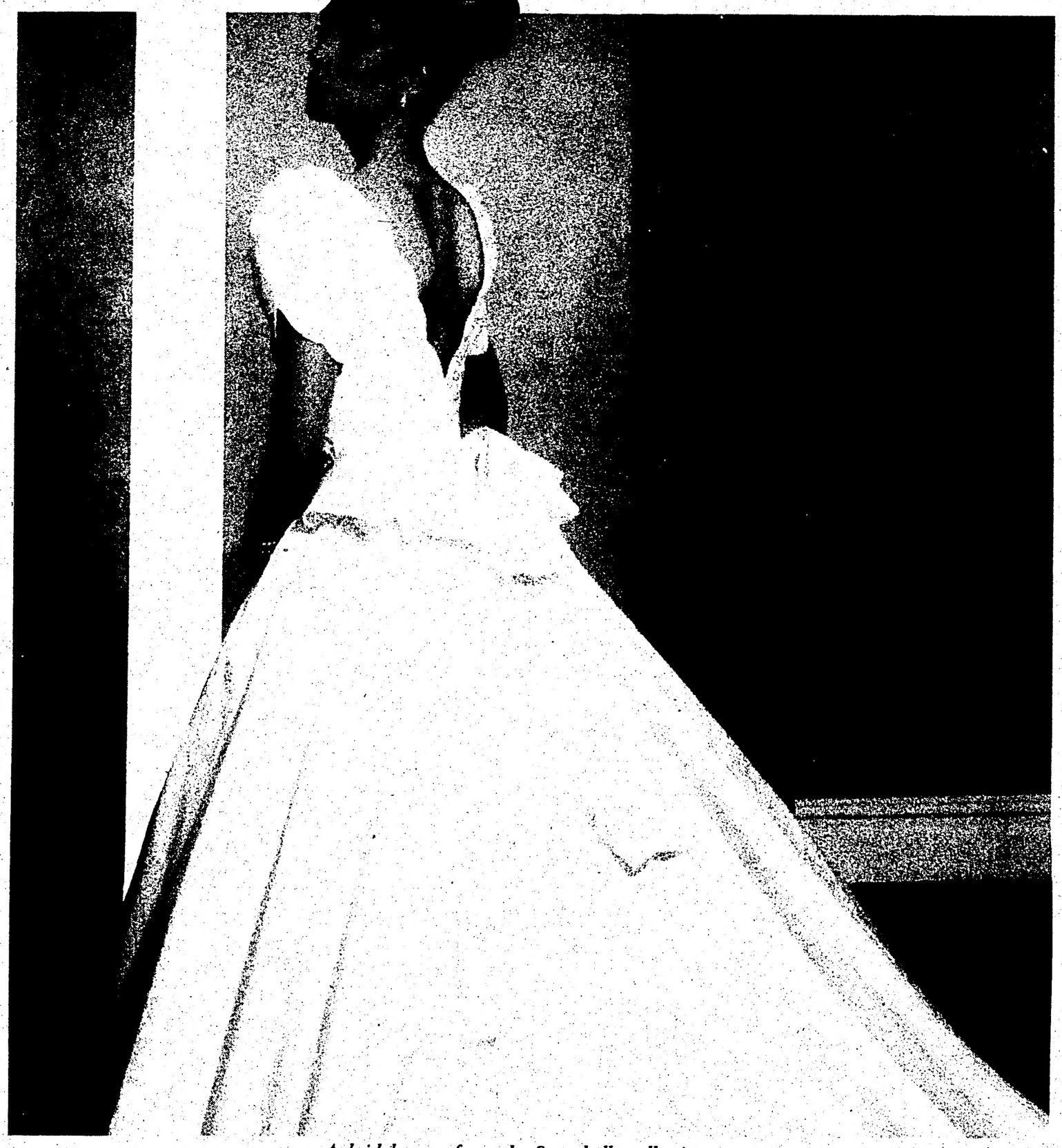

A bridal gown from the Sposabella collection.

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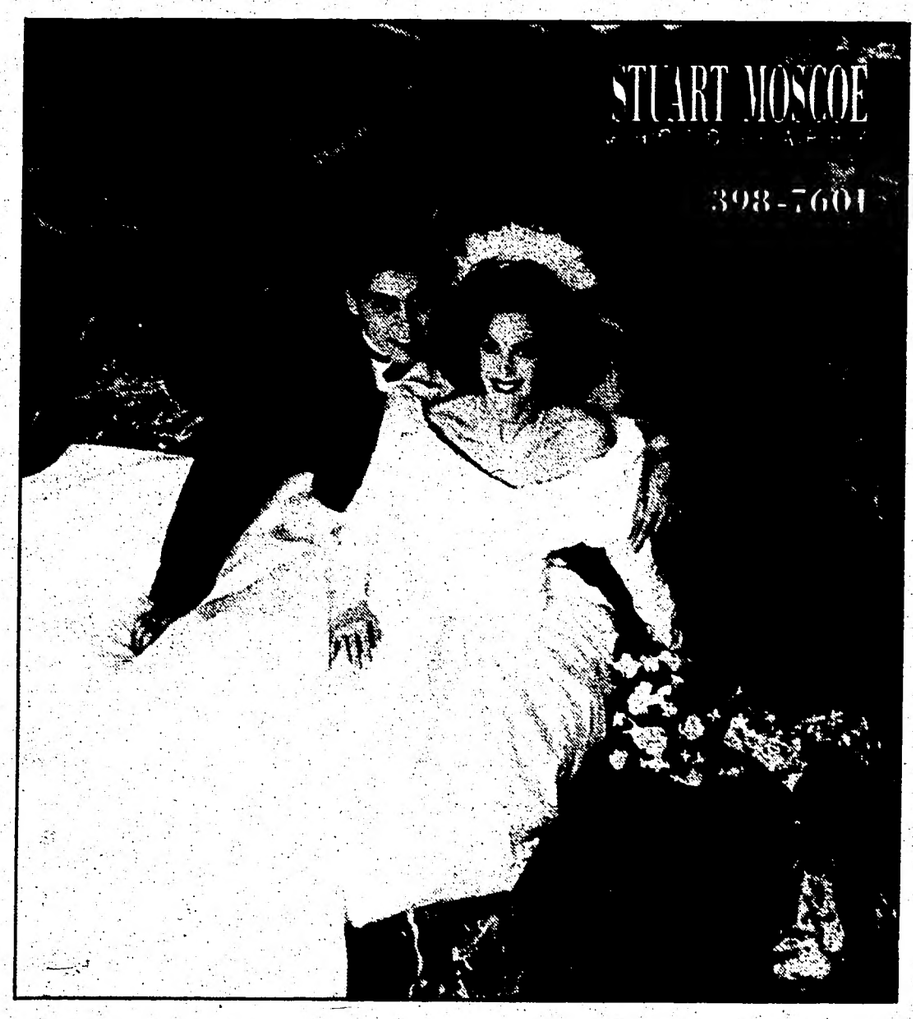

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Ida Vivacqua, designer of the Talia label, offers elegant bridal gowns.

The latest from Inez Di Santo's collection at Chez Moi.

Classic but elegant gowns

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The young designer has also created another collection. Designed especially for the bride after her big day, the new bridal cruisewear collection consists of interchangeable pieces that will continue to make the bride feel as beautiful on her honeymoon as the day she walked down the aisle.

The elegance and excitement of a wedding surrounds you when you enter Chez Moi (856-9115). Everywhere you turn, there are mannequins wearing fabulous wedding gowns.

Ines Di Santo, owner/designer of Chez Moi, started her own business in 1984 in a very small store in the Bathurst/Sheppard area. As her business grew and prospered she needed larger premises and recently moved to her new location on Steeles Avenue West. The top floor is for consultation, designs and fittings. The bottom floor contains the showroom, workroom and storage area for finished dresses.

"I believe in marriage," says Di Santo. "There is a certain fantasy that surrounds the entire celebration. I express all my feelings in every dress I design."

At Chez Moi, you have the choice of purchasing any one of the numerous samples "off the rack," or Di Santo will create an individually designed dress. "I consult with the bride and assess her personality and tastes. Some want very traditional dresses, so I will incorporate a beaded top and use lace, organza, satin, chanta or silks.

"When a bride wants a modern look, I will use a more open cut, more detailing, flowers, embroidery, loads of beads and crystals. It will show more skin and may also include a cape. For a more modern gown, I will also create a dress with a short skirt and a long detachable overskirt that is taken off for the reception.

"For the bride that is in-between, I will create a gown that is softer. It is more subtle with not too much detailing. It will be sophisticated but elegant with a quieter look."

Let's not forget how important the other female members of the bridal party are. Di Santo feels that "the mother of the bride or groom must look fantastic. This is a milestone in her life she will never forget. She must look how she feels." For the mothers, Di Santo designs suits or dresses depending on the formality of the wedding. If the party is formal, she might suggest a dress long or short with hand embroidery, beading and/or crystals. If the affair is informal, perhaps a suit with subtle embroidery is the answer.

For the bridesmaids, Di Santo creates a different style for each girl which suits and flatters her figure. "I guarantee I can take 10 pounds off anyone," she says.

Chez Moi carries a large selection of fabrics and colors and this makes it very simple to co-ordinate the entire bridal party. The fabrics are Italian designer materials from Ungaro, Valentino, Dior and Lanchette. The laces are from France and Switzerland.

Chez Moi also carries accessories. Headpieces (Di Santo designs), hats, purses and jewelry are all from Italy and France.

"This is the most important day in a girl's life," states Di Santo. "I want every bride to feel like a fairy princess. When I see her face light up as she tries on her gown, I know all my work was worth it."

Much to the delight of Toronto brides, Sposabella (652-7777), a Montreal-based manufacturer has opened a store in Toronto on St. Clair Avenue West. The Sposabella gowns are created by Demetrios, a Greek designer.

The store is immense, with three levels. On the main level for the brides, there is a showroom and 10 fitting rooms. There is also an elevated centre stage with sliding glass doors and venetian blinds which provide privacy. The mothers and friends are able to sit around the base of the stage and look up at their bride.

On the second level, Sposabella carries a large selection of mother-of-the-bride and bridesmaid dresses from Waters and Waters of Dallas.

On the lower level, brides come for fittings when their dresses come in and work with the seamstresses.

Maureen Wilde, manager, says, "the brides of the 90s are looking for simplicity. The accent is on the fabric and the cut of the dress. Affordability is a key issue for these brides. They come to us with a definite budget in mind. It is vital we find that very important dress at the price they can afford."

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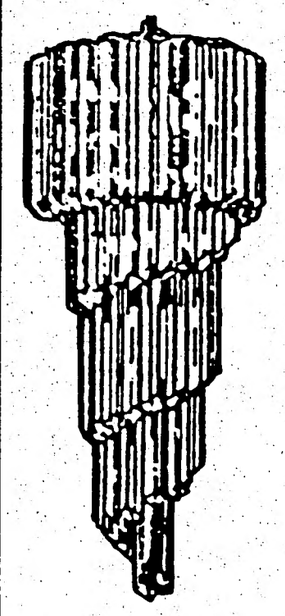

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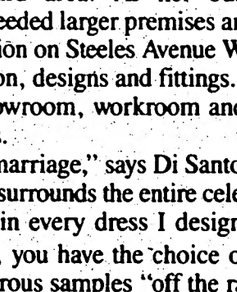

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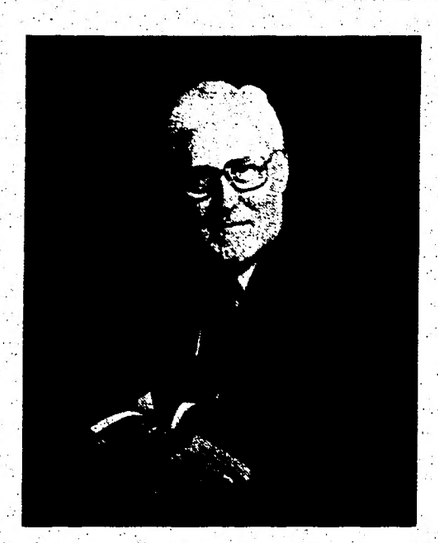

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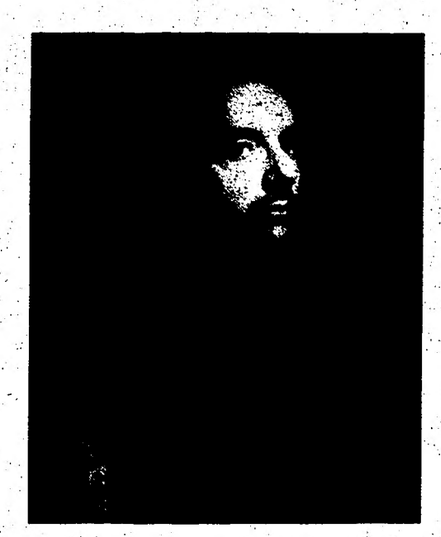

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Invitations for all parties

By
MARLA KAY

Why do you use invitations?

Handwritten or printed, plain or fancy, formal or informal, the one way of requesting your family and friends' presence at your upcoming party is with an invitation.

Gilda Lefton, owner of Stationery Plus (881-5588) states that "Your invitation is the first form of communication you have between yourself and potential guests for your simcha. It must be informative and reflect your feelings about having them share this important milestone in your family."

Lefton has been operating Stationery Plus for over 12 years and feels her expertise and vast knowledge of design and paper is truly reflected in the invitations she creates.

"I give special attention to wording," says Lefton, "especially for a wedding or bar/bat mitzvah invitation when special family situations exist. The tone of the wording is very important and will often be underestimated by a client. I contribute greatly by giving examples and drawing on my experience to guide my clients and then they will decide as to whatever imput they want from me. If a client prefers to partake in the actual decorating of his/her invitation, we are flexible enough to work with them to that end, giving necessary advise when needed."

At Stationery Plus, you can choose from thousands of invitations from the many Canadian and American catalogue books and custom designs Lefton has on hand. You may also submit your own artwork or they will create personal artwork to suit your needs. They also suggest ordering more quantity than you initially felt you needed to accommodate last minute additions to the guest list and errors.

There is an enormous selection of seating cards, both traditional and novelty. One which caught my eye was a sport seating card Lefton carries. It has a picture of the celebrant on one side with special information or a personalized message from the family on the reverse.

"This works fabulously with a baseball theme bar mitzvah," adds Lefton. "You take a picture of a baseball-enthusiastic boy or girl and mount it on the front and then inscribe vital statistics on the back. The reactions to this card have been really terrific."

Metallics, sparkle paper, brush stroke or hand painting, rhinestones or any combination of these special effects are the new rage in invitations. Traditional is still very popular, incorporating colors, purple, pinks, turquoise and black.

The services at Stationery Plus also include: traditional or custom kippas to match a decor, matches, blessing after meal booklets, welcome baskets for out of town guests, chocolate novelty items such as jukebox shapes, sports theme pieces, chocolate roses in many colors, truffles in novelty boxes and all sorts of different shapes and styles of containers.

They also accommodate corporate business by creating customized or traditional letterhead, stationery, envelopes, business cards and a variety of promotional items.

In addition to serving the Toronto area, Stationery Plus also provides invitations for simchas in Hamilton, Kitchener, London, Winnipeg and as far away as Nova Scotia. Leftin will work with any budget. Her prime concern is that her client is happy and the price is affordable.

At The Printed Word (484-4600), Nancy Roth Gold and Barbara Silverberg have been specializing in wedding and bar/bat mitzvah invitations for over 16 years.

"Our business has come full circle in many of our client's families," says Silverberg. "In some cases we have done a birth announcement, bar/bat mitzvah invitation and finally a wedding invitation all for the same child. Recently, one of the parents of such a child, came in to do their wedding invitation and we all sat around and cried. It was so beautiful."

The Printed Word carries a large selection of blank imported paper from France and Italy which they imprint everything on. They also personalize stationery; business or personal, ribbons, cards, etc.

"We have an inscribing machine," adds Gold. "This machine is fabulous. It performs computerized calligraphy with pen and ink. It enables us to provide our customers with invitations very quickly if requested. It will also inscribe place cards, and certificates and address envelopes as well."

Gold is a professional graphic designer, and her studio is located right inside the store. Her work is outstanding. She will create personalized and unusual invitations for all occasions. She designs letterheads, logos and brochures.

The Printed Word also carries all the Canadian and a wide assortment of American invitation catalogues. They will incorporate many finishing touches such as ribbons, bows and water color flowers to add that special something to your invitation.

Some current trends to look for at The Printed Word are: single cards, large 8" x 8", lots of calligraphy, bright and pastel colors, cards mounted on cards (four layers), new glitter paper and more.

Their experience and service is excellent. They will sit with a client and compose the perfect invitation that will suit according to the family situation. Their price range is reasonable and they feel it is important to work within their customer's budget.

Ellie Sobel, who owns Sweet Endings (731-6414) by appointment only, has been in the bridal business for over 17 years. She promotes herself as a one stop shop. She carries over 40 invitation thermographed (raised print) catalogue books.

"You may choose from the elegant, unique American line, the contemporary Canadian, the romantic silk European, or the custom designs," says Sobel. "Invitations can be printed in most languages, including French, Greek, Spanish and Hebrew."

Gilda Lefton

Sweet Endings also carries printed kippas, imported giftware, bridal accessories, Austrian Crystal jewelry and custom designed silk flowers and centrepieces. Sobel also offers bridal consulting and co-ordinating.

Barbara Silverberg (standing) and Nancy Roth Gold are pictured here with their computerized calligraphy machine.

"I attribute my success to my personal service and I guarantee 100 percent satisfaction," states Sobel.

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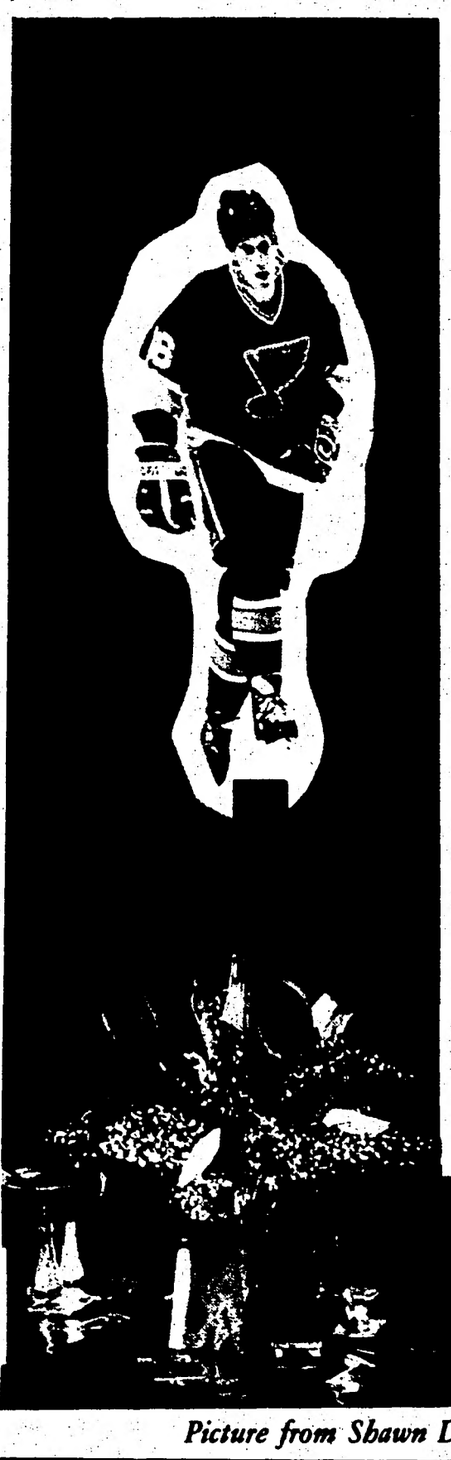

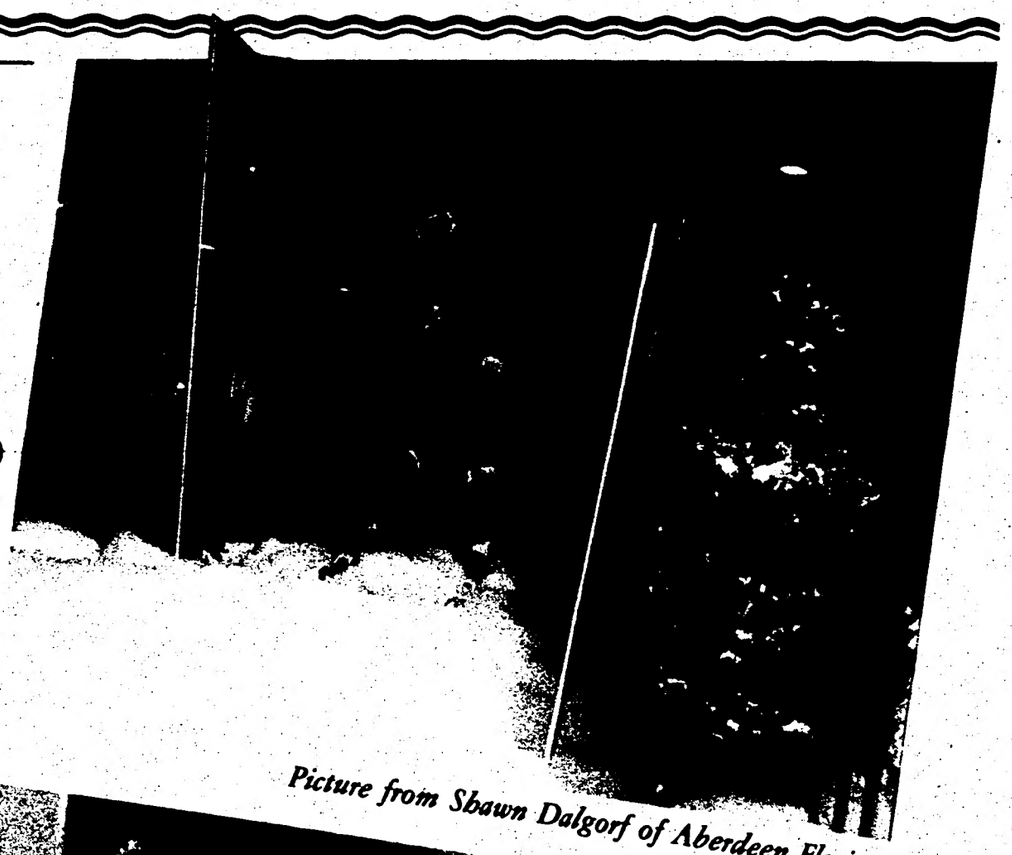

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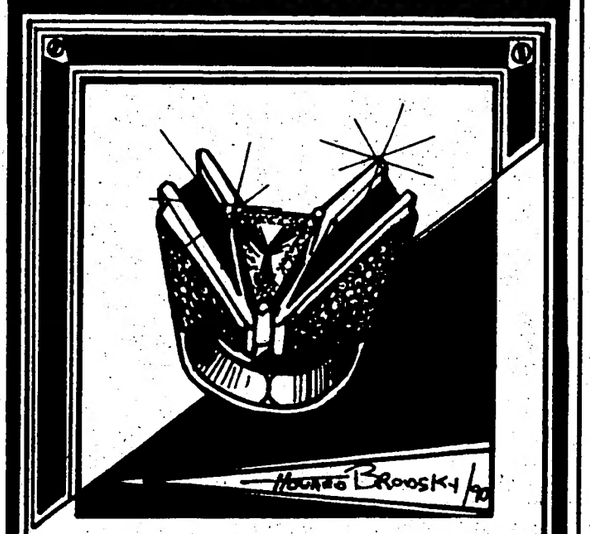

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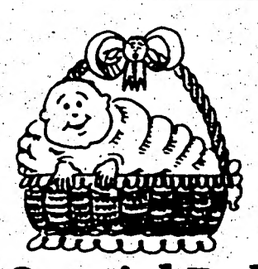

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Memorable gifts

By
JOSEPH SERGE

Buying gifts can sometimes be a major headache. Sometimes it's best to look for something unique, something that stands out from all the other traditional presents.

Two such gifts are a special candle holder that magically whisks you away to dark-age folklore, and a framed collage of personal or nostalgic items.

Jackie Quinn-Neill of Quinn-Neill Pottery (265-9521) sculpts stoneware pottery candle holders that depict ancient castles and other images of fairy stories, magic and fantasy. "The castles have doors that open and window ledges with birds whimsically perching on them," she says.

With a candle burning inside, these images have a special, magical feel to them. Each piece is individually made and are all one of a kind.

Quinn-Neill studied art and design in Northern Ireland and came to Canada 12 years ago. Her background has obviously affected her work. "All the castles and magic folklore are a hangover from Ireland," she says.

Her sculptures vary from six to 14 inches. Some of her designs are custom-made, commissioned pieces of peoples' houses. "These make great 25th wedding anniversary presents, or else people who are moving away can take their homes with them," Quinn-Neill said.

Quinn-Neill, who has won prizes for her designs, says people are fascinated by the jewelry-like quality of her work. "They're very tiny and minute. When people see them they say, 'Wow, I've never seen anything like this before'." Repeat customers make up 50 percent of her business.

"People are really enjoying it," she said. "They want quality work and I don't compromise or take short cuts."

It takes Quinn-Neill four to six hours to finish one of the smaller pieces and up to 40 hours for one of the larger commissioned pieces. Prices range from $30 to $400.

You can see some of Quinn-Neill's work at a craft show in the Beaches on June 13 and 14.

Another unique, personal gift idea is framing a collage of a person's special items.

One of Frame Concepts (923-7600) specialties is a This Is Your Life-type collage, suitable for birthdays and anniversaries.

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"People bring in an assortment of memorabilia," said Angelina Masterangelo, who runs the store with her partner Harold Rotenberg. For her husband's 50th birthday, a woman brought in a collection of his first golf club, his first spoon and fork, his first watch, etc. "We frame objects as opposed to just photos and pictures,"

One popular idea is collaging souvenirs of children, like bronze shoes, hair from the first haircut, etc. "We frame it all together in a very pleasing way," Masterangelo said. "It could be very whimsical or very serious.

"It's extremely personal and makes a great conversation piece. No two are ever the same. They become art pieces in themselves."

Masterangelo males house calls to get a better idea of how to design the frames to match a particular room.

"We really get involved in what our clients want us to do. Our success is not based on advertising, but on word of mouth."

Framed Concepts frames the article or articles, designs the frame that best suits the project and designs the hanging system for the frame.

Other examples of objects she's framed are a collection of old, antique clothes, a ballerina gown and miniature toys. Size is no limitation, at least one frame was 25 feet high. Entering her store on Yonge Street just north of Bloor Street, is like "entering a different galaxy," she says.

Framed Concepts has been called the "anternative framers" by some critics trying to describe it. "We take the use of the frame to the nth degree," Masterangelo said. "I don't know whom to compare ourselves to, There's nobody like us."

Prices vary with the size and difficulty of the project. Some jobs only take one hour, others take 20 hours.

Framed Concepts also restores, updates and upgrades the frames and the pictures of old works of art, in addition to selling paintings by young Canadian artists.

Other companies that supply gift items are:

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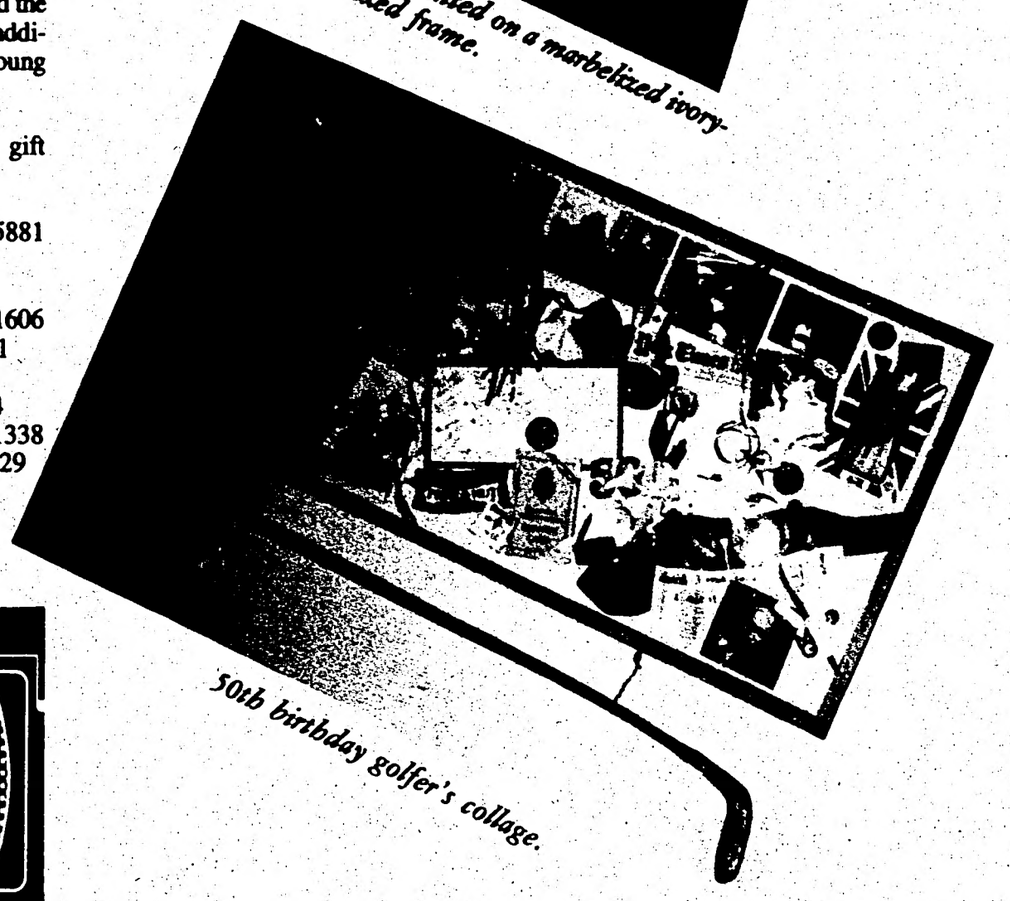
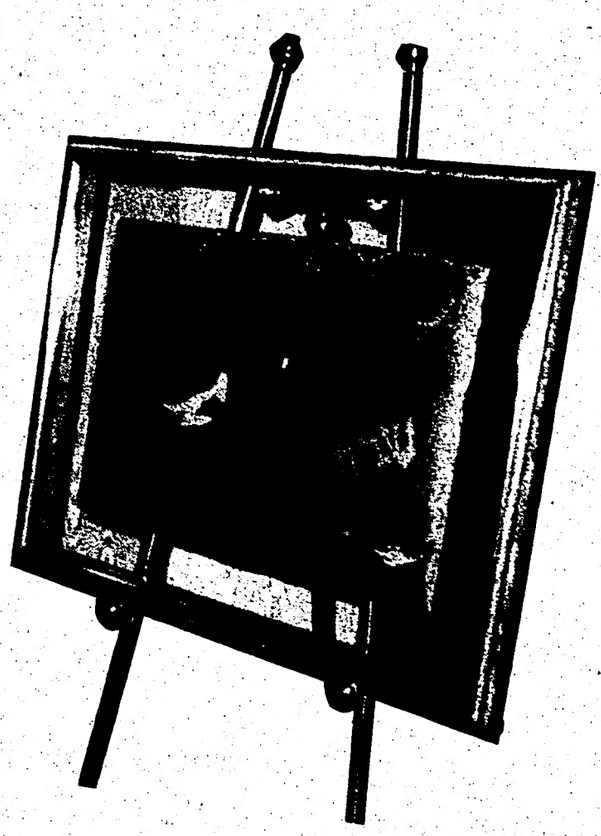
Nostalgic '50s baby collage mounted on a marbelized ivory-colored mat in a gold boxed frame.



50th birthday golfer's collage.



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Photographs preserve precious moments

By
MARLA KAY

Throughout your family's lives, there are certain milestones you will share. What do you have to keep these precious moments forever in your memories?

"Pictures, of course," says Howard Levitt of Howard's Portraits (764-8999). "For the past 25 years, I have been capturing those precious moments and providing my clientele with memories they treasure."

Levitt specializes in quality portraiture for weddings, bar/bat mitzvahs and family portraits. His business has evolved over the years. The children he began doing bar/bat mitzvahs pictures for, have had him do their weddings and now their children's baby pictures.

"I have always kept an excellent rapport with my clients." states Levitt. "I feel that first and foremost, photography is a service industry. Due to the fact that my business is so personal, I have always tried to maintain a high level of integrity. People may deal with me over the years for many different reasons and it is very important that they are comfortable with me and satisfied with my work.

"Only through experience, comes quality," adds Levitt. "I have been able to stay within people's budgets and provide a coverage of their simcha they can look back on in years to come and enjoy."

Simon Tanenbaum (588-7844) has been a photographer for 12 years and has made quite a name for himself in Toronto because of the talent he shows in the intimate portraits he creates.

"I look to do exclusive portraits," says Tanenbaum, "bar/bat mitzvah children, wedding couples, great-grandmothers." I want to get away from the ritual event. I want to pay homage to the important people without losing their identity within the larger celebration. A function of a festivity is to revitalize the family. The photograph helps to solemnize the climatic moment of a social event. The photograph has the power to be very intimate and sensitive and can be enlightening. The relationship that forms between the photographer and his subject can be very close if there are no distractions."

"I like to have discussions with my clients prior to doing their portraits," adds Tanenbaum. "It helps me understand their character and design a photograph that will suit them. My photographs show a lot of love and caring. The pictures provide an insight into their lives."

Dean MacDonell of MacDonell Photography (481-4600), has offered simple, clean, natural and believable poses for the past 10 years. His emphasis is on what the client wants.

"The affair is not about photography or what I want." says MacDonell. "It's what the client wants. I listen very carefully and simply expand on their ideas."

His style is new, different and as creative as possible, but it still has a classic sense to it. He provides a long-lasting look for years of pleasure.

"We treat every simcha, large or small, as a customized project," adds MacDonell. "Our highly trained staff does everything in-house including printing, framing, retouching and assembly.

"Surprisingly, even through these tough times, people are purchasing a lot of photography. They are celebrating their family and want to keep those memories close."

A new face in the crowd is Arnold Machtinger, or as he is starting to be known as "Photos by Arnold" (881-6372). He has been an amateur photographer for the past 30 years, and has joined the ranks of the professionals for the past three years. Two and a half of those years were spent under the watchful eye of Al Gilbert, Machtinger's mentor. He assisted Gilbert at weddings and bar/bat mitzvahs. Machtinger does photography for charitable organizations such as Israel Bonds, Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation, Ben-Gurion University and the Jerusalem College of Technology.

"I was in data processing for 22 years," says Machtinger. "Now that my children are grown up, I want to follow my dream. I consider myself a sensitive, classical style photographer. A good photographer has 30-40 percent of himself in every picture."

Other photographers are:
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Photos from Howard's Portraits.

Judaica kits for children

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

Kids' Judaica art kits allow children to have fun at birthday parties while making something practical and beautiful for the Jewish home.

Created by Barry Wasserzug, owner of Maskit, a Jewish art store at 134 Yorkville Ave. (964-2444), the kits consist of plaster moulds and about six tubes of brightly colored, non-toxic acrylic paints. "The moulds come in such shapes as Passover plates, matzah plates, menorahs, Torahs and Stars of David. They each come with paint, paint brush, shellac and complete instructions."

He says that the kits, geared for children 3-years-old and up are ideal for birthday parties or gifts. "A parent can buy a number of different items and the children can have a choice of which object to paint. If a particular holiday is coming up, it might be nice to create a theme such as Passover or Chanukah."

Wasserzug says that he came up with the idea for the kits when he was looking around for Jewish art for his own three children to create. "I saw a void in the market. There is beautiful Jewish art everywhere, but until now, nothing that children could create themselves."

He says that he is very pleased with the finished pieces. "Even the youngest children are creating beautiful work. Any parent would be proud to display it in their home."

He notes that the moulds are designed by artists, and he plans to bring out a new one each month so "there is always something new to choose from. Our latest is a tzedakah box."

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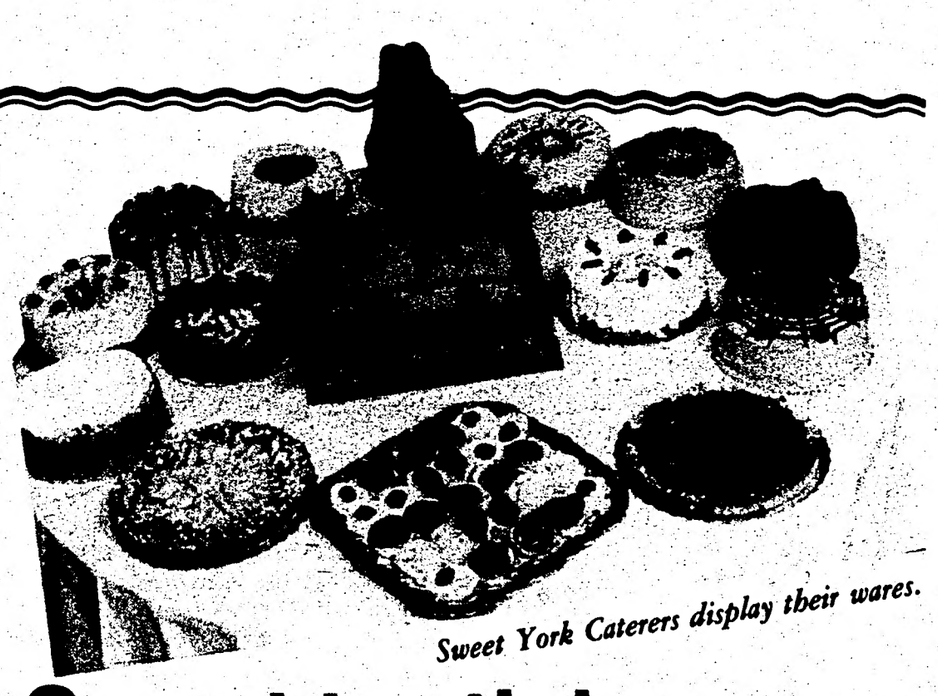

Sweet York Caterers display their wares.

Sweet tooth heaven

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Man cannot live by bread alone, and no one knows that better than Isaac's Bakery or Sweet York Caterers.

"People still like a nice dessert and a good piece of cake or pastry after a meal. Even with the trend towards low-fat cooking we see no less demand for our desserts," says Sharon Firestone, who together with Euclides Batista owns Sweet York (783-4293).

She says however, that a dessert table instead of a sweet table after a meal can offer a lot of low-fat choices, perfect for the diet conscious guest. "A dessert table can contain a variety of fruits and ices as well as crepes so those who want to stay away from the cakes can still have a lot to eat."

She says that it very much depends on the budget when deciding what the sweet table should contain. "We work together and decide on the best possible variety with the budget in hand. For instance we can have crepes at the dessert table or just fruits and ices. We can add cakes if desired or have it only cakes and pastries. We have to decide together what the majority of guests would prefer, how many guests there are and how much is actually needed. We do not like to see a lot of left-overs that could go wasted."

Isaac Anidjar, owner of Isaac's Bakery (789-7587), agrees that budget should be the first consideration when putting together a sweet table. "We also have to know what the guests prefer. If we ask enough questions, we can determine what the majority of the people would like."

Firestone says that theme cakes are a lot of fun to have at any type of affair. "The theme of the cake reflects the person for whom the affair is being given. For example a bar mitzvah boy can have a baseball or hockey theme and a bat mitzvah girl's cake can revolve around music. The possibilities are endless."

She adds that clients can bring in their own cake design which "we try very hard to accommodate. Sometimes it is necessary to modify the design but we do the best we can to make it as close to their preferance as possible."

Anidjar says that he bakes a wide array of cakes ranging from black forest to lemon to hazelnut and chocolate to orange. "We have cakes to suit everyone's tastes and for every type of affair. Bar mitzvah cakes range from the traditional Torah and Star of David to a theme cake of the host's choice."

Firestone says that every party is different and every guest has different tastes but "it is traditional to have sweets at a simcha. It really adds soemthing to the atmosphere, especially when the cake is out of the ordinary. No one can help admiring a wedding cake made of a basket weave chocolate or a beautiful array of icing flowers.

She says that she needs about one week's notice to create cakes for a private party or 48 hours if only one or two cakes are needed.

The consultant's role outlined

By GALE GNAT

A bar or bat mitzvah is a time of great pleasure and a time to show off your greatest treasures.

When you plan a simcha, there are so many details that have to be looked after, from the day the invitations are sent out until the last guest leaves.

How can I choose the right orchestra? Will the video and photographer satisfy our needs? What about the decor, flowers, and color schemes? Should I have balloons? Who will speak? When will they speak? What will they say? Decisions, decisions. What do I do first?

"For all your answers, call a consultant," says Marla Kay (882-2042). All the preparations and decisions will be easier if you have someone with the expertise to assist you in the planning of your bar or bat mitzvah.

The first thing Kay does is put her clients' fears and anxieties at ease. She goes through the entire simcha item by item, starting with the booking of the location where the affair will be held.

"I have fine-tuned a program where everything co-ordinates down to the minutest detail," says Kay. "I work right along with the caterer, orchestra, photographers, video and florist. I make sure that everyone knows what's expected of them and that the evening has a very smooth flow.

Is your child into sports? Baseball, hockey or tennis? Is your child interested in music, dancing or ballet? Should this be incorporated into the party?

"Always," says Kay, "I try to produce a theme that will be carried right through the evening and include the candle lighting ceremonies. It makes the affair more special, personal and exciting.

"I am usually called upon to write or assist in writing speeches, toasts and sometimes poetry to fit the occasion," says Kay. "It serves to alleviate the pressure on the host or hostess. I recently worked on a bar mitzvah where the father decided to write his speech on his own and in all the excitement, forgot to bring it with him to the party. I quickly remedied the situation by writing some jot notes for him and he was able to relax and speak freely from the heart."

The ideal consultant is there when you need her and disappears into the crowd when you don't.

"I've attended simchas where there has been a consultant present and where there hasn't," adds Kay. "There is a considerable difference."

"Your simcha becomes my prime concern," says Kay. "I want you to have the best party possible. Everyone wants to be a guest at their own special event. I make sure it will be a milestone in your lives and that the memory of it will be cherished forever."

Other party and bridal consultants are:

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Party decorations liven up all simchas

By
JOSEPH SERGE

TORONTO —

One thing that always strikes a guest's eyes at any party, be it a wedding or a bar mitzvah are the room decorations. A poorly decorated party room can kill an otherwise good party, whereas good decorations can liven up even the slowest.

Good decorations, says Renee Birnbaum of the Mandell Entertainment Group (513-7743), which also provides DJ services, "can totally transform a room into something like Cinderella's ball."

Mandell Entertainment, a one-stop service that specializes in theme parties, provides all decorations, including fresh flowers, balloons, party favors and props.

Renie Hotz of Hullaballoon (781-2122) specializes in balloon decorations and says that balloons are becoming more popular these days.

"They are more affordable and provide different effects. We can make each party look different."

Hullaballoon decorates parties to enhance particular themes with balloon effects, sculptures and ceiling hangings.

A popular theme party, especially for boys, is sports.

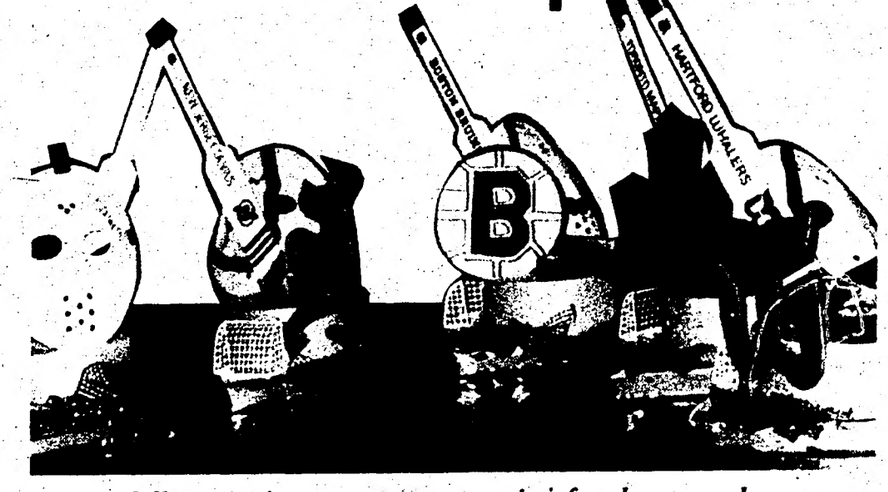
Birnbaum says a typical arrangement for a baseball theme would include signs with the kids' names on them, centrepieces with bats, batting helmets, ceramic shoes, balls in mitts and even pennants on the head table.

Hullaballoon has also worked with baseball themes. In addition to balloons in various shades of black and blue, Hotz says she also does centrepieces with props of hockey sticks, baseball bats, etc.

Girls, they both say, are a different matter. "Girls like the whimsical look. Lots of pinks, butterflies and colorful arches. Everything's prettier," Hotz says.

Birnbaum says girls like themes like top hats and mask parties. Other popular themes include Club Med, Broadway, Hollywood, music, car themes, 50s and 60s, etc.

Hotz notices that lately there has been a move towards fun themes like discos and arcades, "using a lot more colors than before."



Mandell Entertainment creates a setting for the sports lover.

Birnbaum has seen this move to lighter, more colorful entertainment, especially in bar/bat mitzvahs. "They're going away from the traditional to the idea of building something around the child," she says. Recently Birnbaum's own daughter had a bat mitzvah with a dance theme, reflecting the young woman's love of dancing.

"The budget is where we start," says Birnbaum. Mandell Entertainment provides decorations for any budget and any party, be it a wedding, prom, bar/bat mitzvah, etc. "A budget determines how far the client wants to go. We could do just centrepieces or follow it right through (with props, lights, etc.)."

Birnbaum says even if you don't have the theme picked yet, it's good to book early — up to six months before a party — just to make sure the decorator books the date. At the initial meeting with the client, Birnbaum discusses the feel of the party and the client's interest. "Then we make the centrepiece, show it to the client, and go on from there."

Hotz says as a rule, she expects two months' notice. "At first we consult with the client and talk for an hour or so. We like to talk with the child, and find out his/her interests."

When looking for someone to decorate your party, Hotz says you should look for a professional. "Lots of people operate balloon businesses from their homes, but they come and go. Look for referrals to see if they've done a party well. Make sure they've been in the business for a while.

"They have to have confidence in whom they're dealing with," Hotz says.

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Paramount: Party orchestrators

By
MARLA KAY

When I was given the assignment of writing about Paramount Entertainment, I thought that it would just be another interview about a DJ company. I was mistaken.

William "Willy" Kozma, owner/-president of Paramount Entertainment (665-0803) invited me to speak to him and his general manager, Michael Baskin, at their new premises in Richmond Hill.

"We began 11 years ago as Paramount Sound, strictly a DJ service," states Kozma. "Over the years, we have developed into a full scale entertainment company."

They handle both corporate and private functions on the premise of providing convenience and affordability.

"When you are planning a party, we eliminate the necessity of speaking to 15 different people about 15 different services. We orchestrate and produce everything from one location," adds Baskin. "We are not to be confused with party consultants. We don't charge consulting fees. As a matter of fact, we receive a great deal of our business from consultants. We handle the entire production process."

Paramount Entertainment offers complete event services. Their DJs are described as interactive disc jockey entertainers. The DJ not only performs at the function, but interacts with the guests and gets them involved. He goes beyond running contests. He will get the guests to lip-synch songs, DJ a bit and introduce songs. This form of entertainment creates a fun and warm atmosphere which partygoers love.

"Although DJs are the biggest part of our business, our other services will complete your party. When we meet with our clients, we plan the entire party starting with room decor. We produce helium balloon displays, customized centrepieces and any other props that are needed. All of these are created at our head office. We suggest a theme based on the type of event. We use some standard themes such as a circus or carnival theme with midway games and cotton candy machines. Our movie theme has star cut-outs and our sports theme is based on baseball, football or basketball," Kozma points out.

"Our customized themes are spectacular. For our disco theme, we have the actual dance floor used in the *Saturday Night Fever* movie and a John Travolta look-alike to complete the fantasy. The room decor, centrepieces and props are always incorporated into the theme of the party.

"For an upcoming Sweet 16 party, the celebrant loves basketball, the Chicago Bulls. The entire room is being done in red, black and white. The centrepieces will incorporate the Bulls logo. We are even creating a Michael Jordan cut-out so that everyone can have their picture taken with him. Even the favors we provide will be basketball-oriented."

Some of the other services Paramount provides are video dance shows, laser lighting and laser karaoke shows and the creation of guest sign-in boards. These boards are done by a cartoonist and usually incorporate the theme of the party in the picture, e.g. the bar mitzvah boy or bat mitzvah girl will be dressed up in a ringmaster outfit for the circus party or in a white suit with the standard pose for the disco theme.

"Our image is everything," emphsizes Baskin. "We want to portray an image of legitimacy and professionalism. Every year, we publish an entertainment and price guide. It is distributed to facilities we are associated with and ones we want to be asociated with, restaurants, banquet rooms, hotels and boats. Our prices are standard and reflect the market value. We have totally researched the entertainment market.

Everyone is very excited at Paramount. This summer, they will be entertaining kids on their first camp tour right across Ontario. They will be hosting laser lighting shows and dances starting July 5 to August 19. Some of the camps they will be visiting are Tamarak, Wahanowin and Manitouwabing. The kids will be treated to spectacular sound and lighting displays, smoke and bubble machines and their favorite DJ personalities will be on hand.

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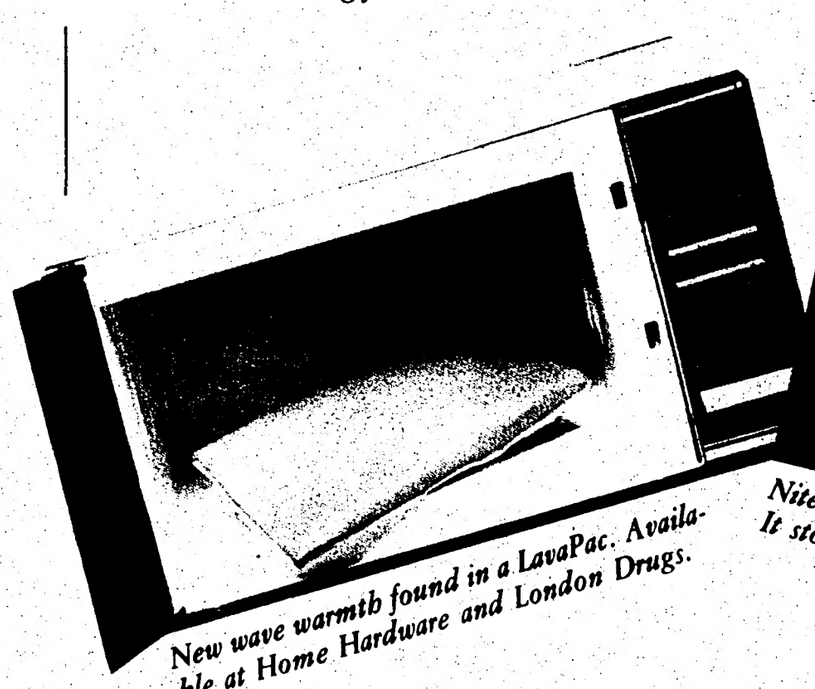

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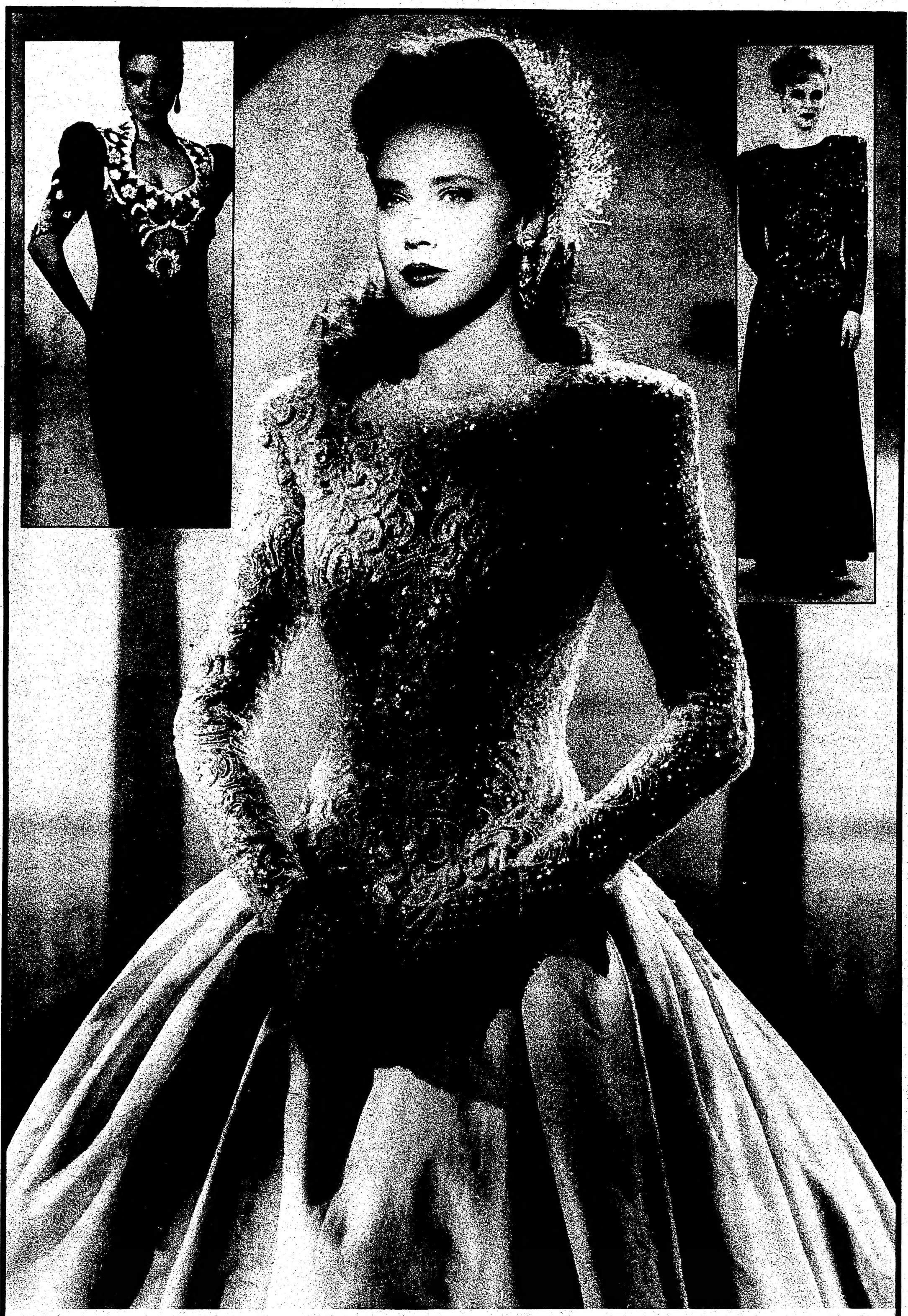

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What should I wear?

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

The hall is booked, the menu is in order and the florist and photographer have been chosen. Now, what do you wear?

Dani Gage, fashion director of Yorkdale Fashion You (789-4255), says a wardrobe consultant can help tremendously in deciding the best outfit for the occasion. "Sometimes people need a little help in deciding what to wear and where to find it. At Yorkdale Fashion You we advise them what will work and actually take them to the stores in Yorkdale to assist in the purchase. It is a free service that has become extremely popular."

She says that the first thing she does when a customer comes in, is take a brief figure and color analysis. "Then we look at the occasion for which the outfit is being bought. If it is a wedding, we find out the person's position in the wedding party, whether it is a formal event, where it is being held and how many guests are invited. All these things factor into the type of dress to purchase."

She stresses that budget is a very important part of the consultation and if the person is on a low budget she can help update items already in her client's wardrobe. "If someone brings in a long black skirt, for instance, I can help find pieces that will go beautifully with it. Accessories also update an outfit tremendously. With the right accessories, an outfit can look completely new."

Gage says that she tries to steer people away from dull colors and towards the brights. "There are so many new bright colors out now. If one doesn't suit one person, another certainly will."

She notes that new this season are strong colors "all evident in the tropical rain forest. Canary yellow, emerald forest green, and parrot fuchsia are all bright, vivid colors that add sparkle to any party. A party that is full of bright colors is wonderful. I think there is nothing worse than a stream of pastel, chiffon dresses."

Gage stresses that accessories in these new colors are a wonderful way to update a wardrobe. "Just because there are beautiful new colors out does not mean that someone has to purchase an entire wardrobe. With a few purchases here and there, anyone can look like they are wearing new clothes."

As for what styles are popular this season, Gage says that long dresses are coming back and the beaded slip

Dani Gage

dress is quite strong. "As well, we see a lot of mid-calf, chiffon, Gone With the Wind-type dresses in black and white. Also very big this year is a knock-off of the old poodle dress. The 50s version was off-the-shoulder, with a below-the-knee, poodle-printed, full skirt topping a crinoline. The new dress is worn at, or just above the knee, and the poodle print is replaced by a beautiful color combination of flowers and geometric shapes."

She says that she does do men's consultations but not many men have come in. "We can help a man update his business or casual wardrobe. This service can make life a lot easier for a man or woman who hates to shop. Yorkdale is so large, that someone may not know where to begin to look for a particular item. We are happy to help them."

Yorkdale Fashion You offers consultations four times a year for a few weeks each time. The next block of time is late summer-early fall and it is advised to call in August for an appointment.

Variety of video options

By
RANDI DRUZIN

Making a video of a wedding or a bar mitzvah can be as complicated as making a Hollywood movie, or it can be as easy as pie.

It's up to you.

"We can work within almost any budget," says Lex Abernethy, of Holiday Video (882-9401) in Richmond Hill. "We can shoot the event and hand the video to you immediately," he says, "or we can send two cameramen to the event, take the tape back to our studio and produce an industrial quality video with special effects."

An industrial quality video, explains Abernethy, is a very high-grade product, with sophisticated camera work and editing. Most customers, he says, prefer the simple high-end consumer product — a video that's also good quality, but less sophisticated than the industrial quality video.

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If you desire, a frame of your video can fold up and "fly away like a bird," says Michael Legros of Electroto Video (638-3734) on Bathurst Street.

Legros and Abernethy agree that special effects in videos are becoming very popular, and are readily produced by a computerized device called "the toaster."

Though "simcha videos" are becoming increasingly popular "it's a tough business to crack," says Legro.

Legro's store in Toronto just opened, though there are already Electroto stores in Montreal and Ottawa. "We're still very new here," Legro says, "and we haven't produced many videos in Toronto yet. So far, most of our business has been from making slides into videos and tranferring European videos on to North American video tapes," he says. "But people are starting to hear about us through word of mouth, and we expect to soon be as busy as the Electroto stores in Montreal and Ottawa."

Legro will soon discover what Abernethy already knows: there is a great demand for video production in Toronto — even during these difficult economic times.

Other video companies are:

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Picture the perfect party favor

By
MARLA KAY

As a consultant for many different types of simchas, I am often called upon by the host or hostess to provide an alternative type of entertainment for the numerous young people invited to the party. It must be something that will keep the kids occupied and if possible serve as a favor or keepsake of the special event.

Some suggestions I have offered in the past have included a cartoonist, personalized photo calendars and individual voice recorded tapes. Something new has just become available which I thought I might share with you.

Bobbi Lewin has created a new rage on the Toronto party favor scene called Picture Perfect (486-5245).

"Each designated person," says Lewin, " receives in a 'flash' (30 or 40 seconds), a color photograph of themselves. We then surround the picture with a colorful custom artwork logo which is personally chosen by each individual subject.

"Some examples, are Celebrate, Party Animal, Wild Thing, I Love Baseball, or we will illustrate your own creation (with three month's notice). We mount the picture in a keychain, luggage tag, refrigerator magnet, button or even a picture frame.

"The whole concept started with our son Gary's Western theme bar mitzvah," says Lewin. "An old family friend from Georgia provided instant photo keychains of each guest surrounded by a Wanted logo. It was an overwhelming hit. We were inundated with calls from guests asking if we could do this for their simcha."

With the help of some advertising in *The CJN* and word of mouth recommendations, Pictue Perfect has now been involved in more than 50 bar and bat mitzvahs, anniversary and even Chanukah parties. They have already provided several unique themes for both private and corporate functions, including a promotion for condominiums for seniors.

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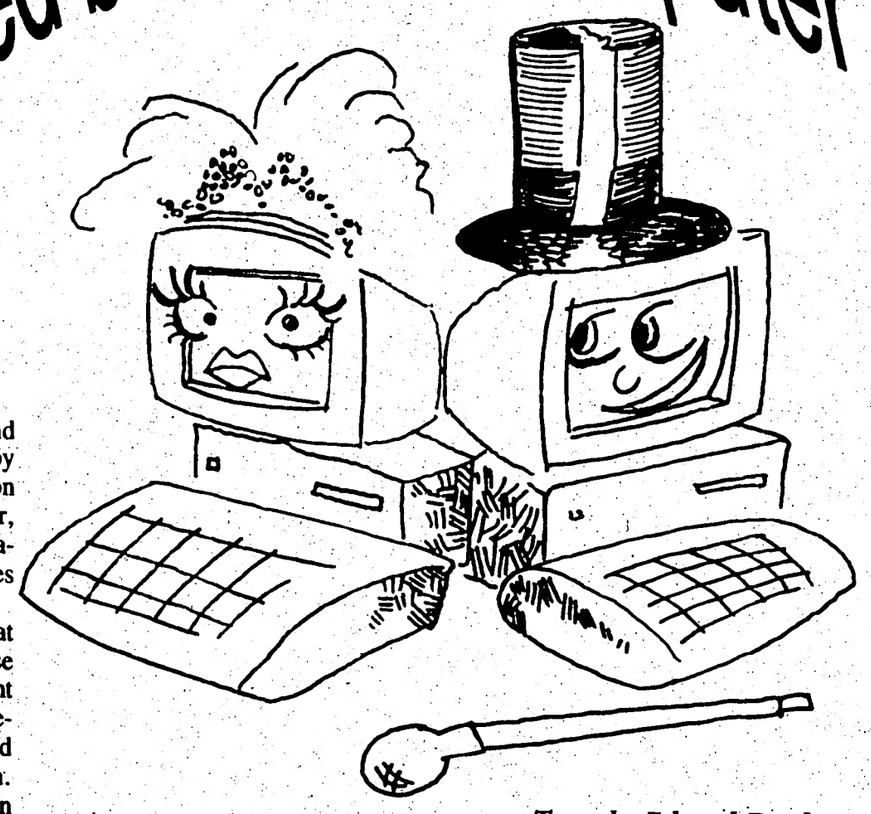

Toon by Edward Dunbar.

You're getting married, and threatening to overshadow your joy is the veritable flood of information streaming into your brain: the caterer, the photographer, the band, invitations, flowers, pre-wedding parties and, of course, the guest list.

Ah, the guest list. You can't seat Uncle Fred with Cousin Al because they've been feuding for years. Aunt Flo has to sit near the head table because she's hard of hearing. And *someone* has to sit near the kitchen.

Keeping track of all this data can boggle even the most organized mind.

To the rescue is SEDD Software of Thornhill, a two-person outfit that offers a computer program called Let's Plan a Wedding.

It's all on a single 5-¼ or 3-½ inch IBM-compatible disk that runs on DOS 2.0 or any DOS program developed thereafter. All you do is enter the details and the machine does the rest.

Developed by 26-year-old computer whiz Stuart Dicker, the program was launched at last January's bridal show in Toronto, and sales so far have been brisk.

The program banked on the need to store the vast amount of information associated with a wedding in an organized and central way, says Denise Abramowitz, the company's marketing director.

The program can save money too, Abramowitz notes.

Once a budget is worked out and divided between the bride and groom's families, the sum is entered into the computer. Thereafter, quotes from various services can be punched in and the computer keeps track, as well as amortizes the budget once contracts are signed. The cost split between bride and groom is calculated too.

It also keeps an RSVP list so you can know exactly how many meals to order.

There's plenty of memory on the program and a hard drive is not needed to run it, Abramowitz says.

The disk can keep track of up to 1,000 wedding guests, as well as organize information for as many as six pre-wedding parties, such as showers, engagement dos and stags.

If you're hooked up to a dot-matrix printer, it will also print address labels for invitations and weekly or monthly calendars, gift lists, things to do — just about anything.

But here's the best part, and what separates this program from others. When the guest list is being compiled, the computer requests two pieces of information: the name of one other guest a person should be seated with and a guest's priority, or how close to the head table he or she should be.

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Speech writing aids

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

If the thought of making a speech at your bar mitzvah, wedding or large party is turning your knees to jelly, then maybe you should think about getting some help.

Professional speech writers such as those at Timesolvers or the School of Speech and Drama can write entire speeches, help edit what you've written or coach in the presentation.

Corinne Copnick, owner of Timesolvers (631-6492), a company that also writes brochures, newsletters and press releases, says that the thought of giving a speech often ruins a host's entire evening. "A lot of people are nervous and uncomfortable speaking in front of a large group and some have difficulty with the language. Others are just not sure how to go about writing a speech. These things can make them very unhappy at what should be one of the happiest moments of their lives. If the person knows, however, that the speech is good and they have had some coaching in the delivery, it may make all the difference in the world."

She says that when preparing a speech for a host to present at a party, the first thing to do is find out who is coming and who should be mentioned in the speech. "I really need to know exactly what they would like to get across — what is in their hearts. We can do this over the phone but I like to meet with the person so I can understand their personality and be able to use some special phrases that make the speech sound just like it is coming from them."

Melanie Novis of the School of Speech and Drama (731-5055) says she has worked with bar and bat mitzvah boys and girls to help build their confidence and prepare a speech for the party. "To write the speech, we meet and decide together how the child wants to be perceived by the audience. First we talk about what he wants to say about his parents and the people in the ceremony. The speech can also include something about his hobbies, interests and accomplishments. It is important to make it sound like it is coming from the speaker."

She adds that she has written a rap speech for a bar mitzvah boy that "really went over well."

She says that the key to public speaking is to make the speech sound authentic, as if it has not been prepared. "People do not like anyone to know that the speech has been written so when they come to me it is completely confidential. No one need know that they did not write the speech or indeed, had any help at all."

Novis says that many are "totally petrified when faced with giving a speech, so much so that a study done in the United States shows that more people fear public speaking than they fear death. All these people need is the proper breathing exercises to calm down. Once they know the skill of calming down, confidence follows."

Copnick agrees that there are certain exercises that can help tremendously in public speaking. "I teach my clients breathing exercises, as well as such things as how to hold positive images in their mind, how to unlock their voice, gesture properly and get their feelings across. Some just need coaching in how to deliver the speech and I can also do that. We can meet, I'll go over the speech and maybe tighten it up a little and just coach the speaker in the delivery."

She says she has seen successful businessmen who just "quake when they think about public speaking. I'm working with a man now who is making a bar mitzvah in the summer and he is very nervous. I've told him to think about what he wants to say and write a draft. We'll get together, put the words on paper and practise the delivery. We'll practise until he can speak in a way that will make him proud."

Novis stresses that the speeches are a very important part of any affair. "Speeches should add sparkle to the evening but all too often they are sadly neglected. People spend so much money on decorations for their party but not on the speeches. They really should be given the same attention."

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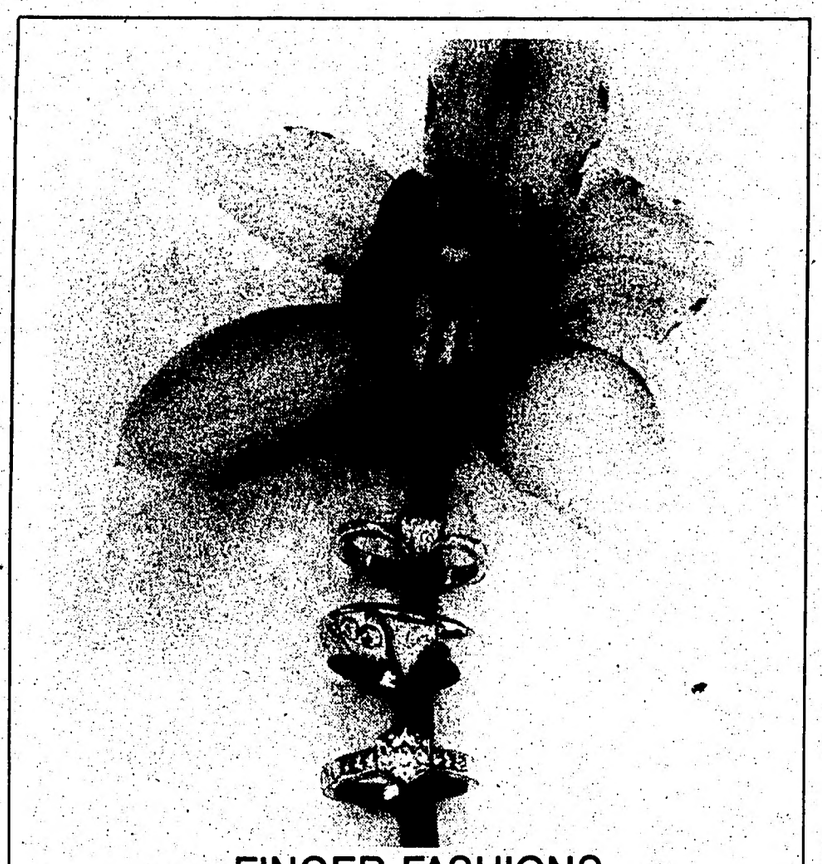

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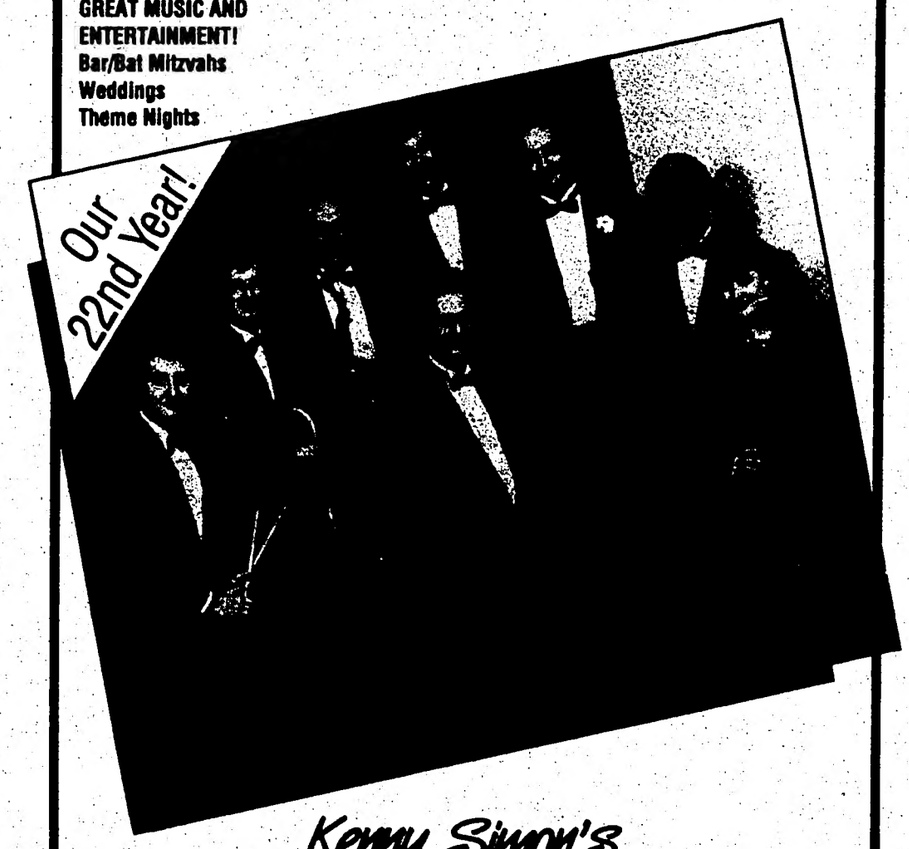

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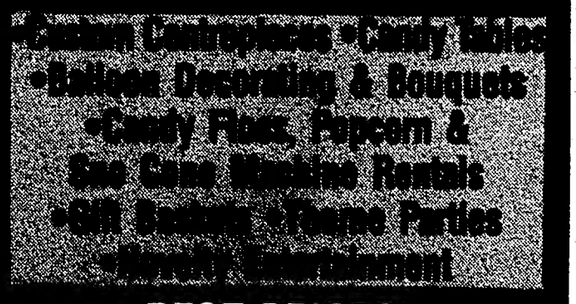

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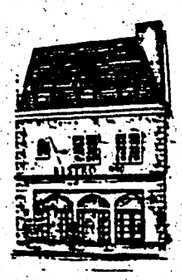
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DJs offer musical mixes

By MARLA KAY

DJs are not just for kids anymore. The disc jockey (DJ) industry has seen many changes over the last decade. What was once a business run out of basements, when someone with a large record collection took their home stereos to parties has now become a sophisticated entertainment operation requiring thousands of dollars in equipment. A DJ can provide music for a small house party or present lights, lasers, video and sound for 1000's of people.

Universal Sound D.J. Inc. (479-1381) has been providing DJ entertainment to Southern Ontario for over 11 years. A large part of their business is performed in the Jewish community. Alan Heller, owner of Universal Sound, estimates his company will perform at over 300 bar/bat mitzvahs and Sweet 16s in 1992. Many of their DJs are household names. Ian (Clarence) Clarke, Dave Altshuller, Todd Silverman, Stacey Gold and Jeff Katzin are in constant demand for parties.

Clarke has been entertaining at parties for over a decade, and has bookings into 1994. He has noticed a trend in the last few years. "Clients seem more aware of the competition. That is why our company has been able to grow every year. We have the finest quality DJs and back them up with a professional service. When you are spending a lot of money on your party, you don't want a cut-rate DJ ruining everything. You get what you pay for."

Another DJ service rockin' and rolling at numerous parties in Toronto is The Sound Crew (948-0017), owned by partners Wes Heald and Mike Schoonhoven.

They have been in operation for the past 12 years and have performed at all kinds of functions. They appeal to ages 40 and younger. They do a lot of university parties, fraternities, corporate, bar/bat mitzvahs and Sweet 16s.

"Kids today are more musically sophisticated and have a broader range of music tastes," says Heald. "When I was younger, it was the top 40 radio hits and that was it. We find the music diversifies everytime we do a party; Pink Floyd, Billy Joel, Rap, R&B, House, 50s, 60s and 70's rock and roll.

"What sets The Sound Crew apart from other DJ services," adds Schoonhoven, "is that we don't have numerous DJs working for us. It's just Wes and I. We have found that other DJs try to impose their musical tastes on the group, we try to be as in tune with the guests as possible. We try not to overwhelm our party guests with a lot of flash and flush. We get down to basics. We emphasize our music and play what people want to hear."

Heald and Schoonhoven have also incorporated their computer into their service. When they start their show, they have their lap top computer on hand. It displays their entire music collection and lists every song by title and artist. "It makes it very easy for a guest to make a request," says Heald. "It's important that people have a good time and what we find is that when you play the music that they know and like, the party is a success."

Ira Haberman and Andrew Levstein are the new kids on the block, so to speak. They started their DJ company, TNT Sound (881-0697) just two short years ago and haven't had a chance to breathe.

"We started out by DJing small USY programs at synagogues," says Haberman, "and then progressed to larger parties, like adult birthdays, Sweet 16s and bar and bat mitzvahs. We are also doing quite a few corporate functions."

"It wasn't too long ago that Ira and I were attending bar and bat mitzvahs and Sweet 16s," says Levstein. "We watched the DJs in action and recognized what people like and what was lacking. We wanted to create a DJ service that would be enjoyed by everyone.

Haberman and Levstein are really excited about their new Italian lighting system. It turns any party room into a Las Vegas showroom. It spins to the beat of the music and really mesmerizes the kids into dancing.

TNT Sound is currently trying to exclusively use CDs instead of cassettes for their parties. The sound quality is excellent and provides much cleaner listening pleasure. Their music ranges from the 40s to current number one hits. They are constantly updating their collection to ensure their selections are not outdated.

"Since we are just starting out," says Haberman, "we have made our services extremely affordable. The more exposure we get the better our business will become. If we have to start out charging less and making less than any other DJ service, we simply chalk it up to experience. We absolutely guarantee your satisfaction. We treat your party as if it was our own family function."

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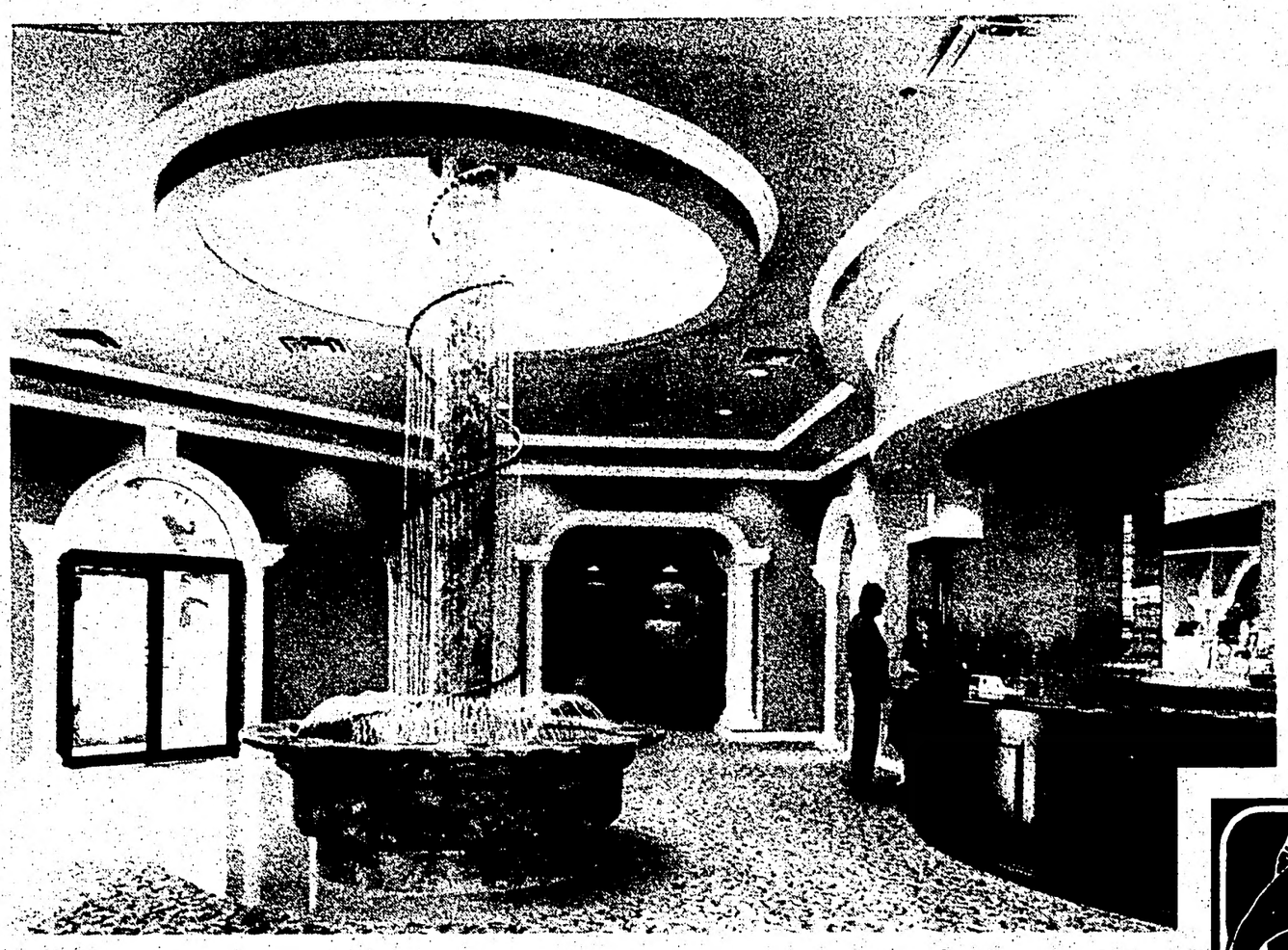

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By
MARLA KAY

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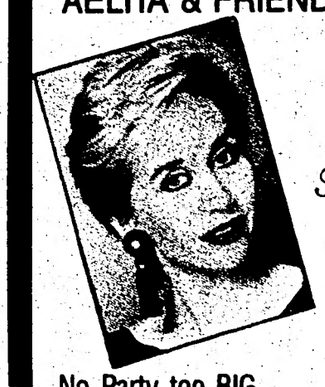
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And the multitude of bands played on...

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Whatever happened to the days when people planning a simcha had only a handful of bands, churning out a limited variety of musical styles, to choose from?

Those day are ancient history — gone the way of the $2 haircut and winning seasons for the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Today if you're in the market for a band to keep your bar/bat mitzvah, wedding or social event hopping, you're likely to be faced with a feast of riches — a wide array of musical ensembles to choose from, playing music to suit the occasion.

The Aelita and Friends Showband (222-7573) is one outfit that continues to break new ground in simcha performances. As its name indicates, the ensemble goes beyond the traditional musical format and offers entertainment from jazz dancers, Elvis impersonators and Broadway shows. Musical styles can range from traditional waltzes to Israeli top-40 hits to Latin merengues and cha-chas.

"This is not your ordinary wedding band," she says. "We're involved in shows" and have been for eight years.

Depending on her client's tastes, The Aelita Showband offers more than a dozen revues and musical themes from which to choose, including a gala cabaret show, a somewhat risque night at the Cotton Club, the best of Broadway, a fabulous fifties theme (including the Elvis impersonation), and Jerusalem revisited in song and dance.

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By
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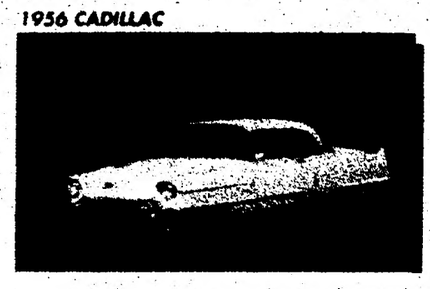
How about a firetruck?

Rockin' Wheels in Stouffville (416-642-2306) can set you up with a hot set of wheels for an evening faster than Doris Day can mash potatoes.

Rockin' Wheels is a dealership for old cars and a rental service for them as well. "We have 30 cars on our lot," says manager Frank Cammisa, "and there's about 10 we rent out regularly for special events."

1956 CADILLAC


1959 CADILLAC LIMO

Cammisa and owner Mario Greco travel across Canada, the United States and Europe looking for old cars to add to their collection. Some of the most interesting vehicles they've acquired in their travels include a 1959 Cadillac limousine, 1960 Bentley,

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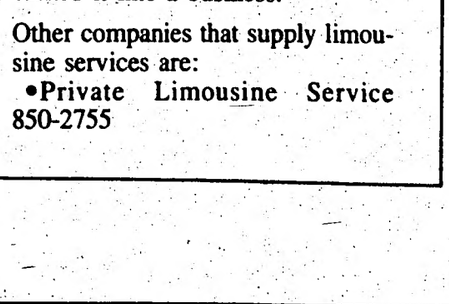

1970 Daimler, 1915 Buick McLaughlin and 1955 firetruck — much like the one driven by Beaver Cleaver's fire fighting pal, Gus.

"We usually rent out the firetruck to transport the wedding party to and from the reception," Cammisa explains.

But for those less daring, Rockin' Wheels has a 1959 superstretch limo that is 26 feet long and seats eight people.

While most of his clients are young people, it's "older gentlemen" who drive the cars. All our rentals include our drivers," says Cammisa, noting that the firetruck is driven by a fire fighter on his days off.

"Collecting old cars started out as hobby for us," he says, "but we've turned it into a business."

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ta's menu of musical extravaganzas is a show based on the recent movie, *Dick Tracy*. Dancers wearing "Flatface," "Pruneface" and "Big Boy" masks based on the movie's characters perform songs from the soundtrack and dance in the style popularized by Madonna.

That sort of performance is most popular at bar/bat mitzvahs, Aelita says. For weddings, people prefer more traditional material like songs from *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Beauty and the Beast*, both of which, like the other shows, are expertly choreographed and intricately staged.

Aelita Neihausen, a native of Riga, Latvia who has lived in Toronto for 12 years, says different Jewish communities have varying musical tastes — and the showband does its best to make every party sparkle.

Israelis generally like traditional and current Israeli music, including popular songs from the '60s and '70s, while Canadian-born Jews want to hear a few horas followed by more contemporary sounds. She says she works closely with the client to determine the style that best suits the party.

Sephardi Jews like the music of French chanteuse Edith Piaf as well as the contemporary songs of the Gipsy Kings.

South American Jews (generally from Argentina, Peru and Venezuela) like traditional Spanish songs as well as fast-paced merengues and cha-chas.

The Paul Zurin Orchestra (770-3084) has been on the entertainment circuit for 11 years and an estimated 90 percent of its work is catering to Jewish clientele. The band also entertains at corporate conventions.

"Everything we do is fun music," Zurin says. "We play everything from rap and hip-hop for bar/bat mitzvahs to ballroom for adult weddings to rock 'n roll."

Older people like to cha-cha, he said, and the band includes the contemporary Latin stylings of the Miami Sound Machine in its repertoire.

Prior to setting up the equipment and playing the first note, Zurin meets with the party's hosts to determine the style that best suits the crowd. But you can't be too rigid when you're performing, he says. It's best to decide on the spot, while you're onstage, what is working best that night and to go with that.

Based on his lengthy experience, Zurin says he can get a feel for the crowd's taste and will move the music in the direction that best suits them.

"A bad band with bad timing can really kill an evening," he says.

Over the course of his 11 years in the business, tastes have changed. At that time, "the biggest modern song was *Tie a Yellow Ribbon (Around the Old Oak Tree)* while today the kids eat up songs like *Let's Talk About Sex*, and *I'm Too Sexy*."

Current songs like *Holiday* by Madonna and the bolero theme from the movie *Mambo Kings* fill up the dance floor, he says.

"The key is to see that the people on the dance floor are having a good time," he says.

A new addition to the party music circuit is the six-month-old Jack Steinberg Band (741-5261). While the band itself is a recent creation, the seven performers who comprise it are experienced musicians who have played in a variety of Toronto bands over the years, Steinberg says.

The drummer, guitarist, trumpet-player have all played in a local jazz band while the vocalist/keyboard player is a veteran lounge singer.

The mix of musicians means the band plays "a real variety," Steinberg says. "We play a lot of old standards, ballads, Latin American, top-40 hits and rock 'n roll."

The band's repertoire is broad enough to give older folks the sambas, tangos, cha-chas that they like, while giving the younger set the top-40 chart songs they enjoy, he says.

Seemingly of universal appeal are the popular, rock-based songs of the '60s, and there's always a call for the traditional Jewish hora to get the people out of their chairs.

A lawyer for 18 years, Steinberg says "I have been playing for years. I love it and want to do more," adding he would like to make music a bigger part of his professional life.

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